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PROTOPOROS

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sako toshio presents

THIS IS AN ISLAND OF THE GAME

MADE FOR ENJOYING PROTO-POROS...

NO.

IT IS "PROTO-POROS".

THIS ISLAND HAS GRADUALLY BECOME PROTOPOROS ITSELF.

CHAPTER 351
SINGLE TASK SPECIALIST

THE PLAYERS WHO ARE ENJOYING THIS ISLAND,

ACCORDING TO THEIR GAMING STYLES OR PERSONAL SITUATIONS,

CAN BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL CATE-GORIES.

"CASUAL PLAYERS"

ARE THE PLAYERS WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS OF LEISURE TIME TO STAY ON AND ENJOY THE ISLAND.

"REFUGEE PLAYERS" ARE PLAYERS WHO HAVE SOME SORT OF TROUBLE SO THEY CAN'T LIVE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

THE "CAST" ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

TO WORK FOR THE "DEVE-LOPERS".

"OUTLAWS" ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT FROM THE GAME.

"SLAVES" ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE BOUGHT AND SENT TO THIS ISLAND.

THEIR DREAM IS TO LIVE ON THIS ISLAND FOR AS LONG AS THEY CAN.

THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND ENJOY THE ISLAND THE MOST.

WHO ESCAPE FROM REALITY AND INDULGE THEMSELVES ON THIS ISLAND.

"SOTO-KOMORI PLAYERS"

AND AMONG THEM, THE MOST COMMON ARE

FOR THEM, THIS ISLAND IS

THESE KINDS OF PLAYERS ARE PRETTY SIMILAR TO THEM.

MEANS PEOPLE WHO SAVE MONEY TO MOVE TO A CHEAP COUNTRY AND STAY THERE FOR A LONG TIME.

"*SOTO-KOMORI"

AND THERE ARE CITIZENS.

IF THERE'S A COUNTRY.

THERE WILL BE A GOVERNMENT OR AN ORGANIZATION WHO'S DOMINATING THEM.

"A COUNTRY".

THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS ISLAND IS WHERE THEY SHOULD BE LIVING.

*SOTOKOMORI: IT'S THE SAME CONCEPT AS HIKIKOMORIS (SHUT-INS), EXCEPT THEY GO ABROAD TO LIVE IN COUNTRIES CHEAPER THAN JAPAN, SUCH AS THAILAND, TO SAVE MONEY.

立入禁止
DO NOT ENTER
立入禁止
DO NOT ENTER
HOW-
EVER.

THE ONE
WHO'S
CONTROLLING
THIS
COUNTRY IS
AN
ORGANIZATION
CALLED THE
"DEVELOPERS".
IN THE
CASE OF
THIS
ISLAND,

ALL
THE
TIME.

WHILE
BEING
INSIDE A
HIGHLY-
GUARDED
UNDER-
GROUND
BASE,
THEY
WATCH
THE
PLAYERS

REAL NAME, VINCENT LALO.

"LALO",

THE SLAVE WHO ENTERED THE ISLAND 3 DAYS AGO,

THE DEVELOPERS HQ

DIVISION AZURA
CHIEF, OGINOME

CLICK

CLICK

IN THE "ARRANGED BATTLE" HELD BY AN AZURA CITIZEN, "PANPAN",

ON THE 2ND DAY,

LALO SHOWED UP.

ON THE SAME DAY, SEVEAL CITIZENS...

THIS GUY... BECAME A CITIZEN THE FIRST DAY HE GOT HERE.

LOST THEIR BIOS AND THEIR CITIZENSHIP... AND FELL INTO BECOMING SLAVES.

IT'S ALSO A FORM OF ENTERTAIN-MENT.

WHERE BOTH SIDES ADJUST THE DATE, TIME, AND NUMBER OF PLAYERS, AND GATHER ALL THE PLAYERS TO ONE PLACE TO UNDERGO A BATTLE.

IT'S A SYSTEM

IS A BATTLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEVELING UP, BY APPLYING FOR A BATTLE AGAINST THE ENEMY KINGDOM.

AN "ARRANGED BATTLE".

WHO ARRIVED ON THIS ISLAND THAT DAY AND SWIFTLY BECAME CITIZENS, ALL CAME TO THIS "ARRANGED BATTLE".

THE 3 SLAVES

ACCORDING TO THE DATA,

KEPT DEFEATING HIGHER LEVEL PLAYERS AND LEVELED UP QUICKLY.

THESE FOUR CITIZENS WHO WERE LEVEL 1,

AND THE RESULT IS RIDICULOUS.

HMM... AND ONE MORE THING.

BECOMING A WARRIOR ON THE 2ND DAY ON THE ISLAND, HUH...

THE REPAIR CREW REPORTED THAT SOME CARPENTER TOOLS WERE MISSING... GO INVESTIGATE IT.

I'LL ASK THEM TO HURRY.

HAVEN'T THE DETAILS OF THE BATTLE COME OUT YET?

YES, SIR!

ALSO, CONTACT THE WARRIOR GROUP WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS ARRANGED BATTLE.

THEY ARE BEING SUSPECTED OF CHEATING.

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CH-CHIEF!!

BEEP

VAULT

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IS HIS GOAL TO BECOME THE KAISER?

BUT... EVEN THOUGH HE'S A WARRIOR, BIOS CAN BE A PROBLEM... FROM THIS LEVEL ONWARDS, THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF BIOS WILL BE DIFFERENT.

VINCENT LALO...

A 1.5 MILLION BIOS TRANSFER HAS BEEN CONFIRMED!

!

EARNED 1.5 MILLION BIOS FROM THE COLOSSEUM TODAY!

A REPORT FROM THE VAULT! VINCENT LALO...

AND,

THE REWARD FOR THE TICKETS THE TIPA SLAVE CREW BOUGHT EXCEEDED 1 MILLION BIOS!

CHIEF! THE TICKETING DATA OF THE COLOSSEUM HAS COME OUT!

THE DEVELOPERS HQ
DIVISION TIPA

THE SLAVE PLAYER "MADARAME BK" WHO ENTERED THE ISLAND 3 DAYS AGO IS ALSO AMONG THEM.

CHIEF, KURASHIKI

EARNED MORE THAN 100 MILLION YEN WITHIN 3 DAYS...

THIS GUY...

100 YEN IN THE REAL WORLD.

THE VALUE OF 1 BIOS... APPROXIMATELY EQUALS

IF IT WAS HIM... PERHAPS...

"LALO"...

"MADARA-ME BK"...

MUST HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO DEATH.

RIGHT NOW, ENDOU IN THE NEUTRAL DIVISION

SEND THE DATA TO HIM RIGHT AWAY.

ALTHOUGH HE'S SUSPICIOUS, WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT HE CHEATED...

WAIT,

SHOULD WE FREEZE HIS ACCOUNT?

HIS SPEED OF PLAYING THE GAME IS S TIER.

BUT, WE STILL HAVE TO REPORT HIM AS A LIABILITY.

MAKO IS RIGHT.

THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN PRETTY HEATED. THAT'S GOOD.

"PERPES"-SAN.

INDEED, IT'S SOMETHING WORTH BEING HAPPY FOR... BUT, EVERYTHING...

NEUTRAL DIVISION CHIEF, ENDOU

HONESTLY SPEAKING, INCLUDING THE COLOSSEUM, THE JOB OF ALL THE FACILITIES MANAGED BY THE DEVELOPERS IS ..

NEEDS A LIMIT.

SOMEONE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A KILLING.

IF A "JACKPOT" COMES OUT

THE COLOSSEUM IS A PLACE FOR TAKING AWAY THE PLAYERS' STRESS.

EVERYONE WILL THINK "I'LL BE THE NEXT ONE" AND THAT WILL HEAT UP THE ATMOS-PHERE.

IT'S THE JOB OF THE COLOSSEUM...

ADJUSTING THE FLOW OF CURRENCY IN ORDER TO PREVENT INFLATION.

NO, YOURS.

Bios

TO RECYCLE THE BIOS FROM THE PLAYERS.

IN MY OPINION... THIS CASE COULD'VE BEEN PREVENTED IF YOU HANDLED IT WELL, PERPES-SAN.

I'VE SEEN THE DATA.

I... I UNDERSTAND! BUT SOMETIMES A "JACKPOT" HAPPENS... IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE FOR "JACKPOTS" TO HAPPEN CONSECUTIVELY!

IF YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOB WELL,

YOU CAN PACK UP AND GO HOME.

THE EXPENSE THIS TIME CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS.

I REMEMBER YOU'RE IN DEEP DEBT AFTER YOUR COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT,

YOU CAN BE COUNTED AS A PLAYER YOURSELF TOO, A SO-CALLED "REFUGEE PLAYER",

AND YOU'RE STILL BEING CHASED BY THE HORRIBLE CREDITORS, RIGHT?

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無断立入禁止

THE PRICES OF COMMODITIES CAN BECOME CHAOTIC.

ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY IS VERY LOW, DEPENDING ON THE WAY THEY USE THE BIOS.

IT'S A COMMON PHENOMENON IN REALISTIC GAMES.

BUT THE DEVELOPERS HAVE TO CONTROL IT.

THE FINEST PROTOPOROS FOR THE WHOLE NATION

THEN, PLEASE PAY OFF THE REWARD PROPERLY. THEY DID WIN THE BET.

THE BIG SUM LEFT TO BE EXCHANGED IS THE DOUBLE WIN 3-10. OF PACHANGA, AND THE SINGLE WIN ON 'KYATTO' BOUGHT BY MADARAME BK

YES.

YOU HAVE EX CHANGED THE MONEY FOR LALO. RIGHT?

THE TOTAL IS 840 THOUSAND BIOS.

SHOULD STILL BE ABOUT 1 MILLION BIOS.

I REMEMBER THE AMOUNT OF RESERVED MONEY FOR REWARDS OVER THERE

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YES.

IT'S THE RULES OF THIS ISLAND.

YOU SLAVES TEAMED UP, RIGHT?

THE "JACKPOT" FROM YESTERDAY AND TODAY,

YOU THOUGHT WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING?

I WON'T PAY MONEY TO A CHEATER.

I'M SORRY,

EVERYTHING WAS A FAKE GAME PLANNED BY YOU.

I'M GOING TO THE NEXT STAGE.

NO NEED TO STAY HERE FOR LONG.

"TIME",

IT CAN EITHER WORSEN THE SITUATION OR MAKE IT BETTER.

RIGHT NOW, LEAVING AS SOON AS WE CAN IS THE BEST POLICY.

OLD MAN...

!!

THAT YOU HAVE EMBEZZLED THE RESERVED MONEY?

DON'T TELL ME

IF YOU REALLY CAN'T PAY IT OUT, HOW ABOUT WE GO CHECK WITH THE SO-CALLED "DEVELOPERS"?

HOLD ON!

HOLD

PERPES-SAN,

YOU'RE ACTING TOO TOUGH, YOU KNOW? IF WHAT WE'VE DONE IS CHEATING, A PLACE LIKE THE COLOSSEUM WOULDN'T BE LEGAL IN THE FIRST PLACE.

...

BESIDES, WE ALSO PAID A HIGH-PRICE FOR SUCH A BET.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

WHAT...

SO YOU REALLY DID...

HAHA~

PLEASE

THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY.

TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO EXCHANGE, WE DON'T NEED TO PAY THEM, DO WE?

BUT,

YOU HAVE TO PAY THEM THE BIOS.

I'M AFRAID WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM, THEY'LL ALL CLEAR IT

NEVERTHELESS, WE CAN'T CHANGE THE RULES TOO EXTREMELY EITHER.

THE MAIN STAGE.

THOSE SLAVES ARE "DANGEROUS".

INCLUDING THE "KYATTO" WHO CLEARED THE STAGE TODAY.

WE'LL USE THIS AS A BAIT.

I HEARD THEY WANTED TO BUY THEIR FREEDOM BACK WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF BIOS.

AS A CONDITION FOR BUYING THEIR FREEDOM BACK.

IT'S BETTER TO MAKE UNCERTAIN FACTORS LIKE THEM QUIT THE COLOSSEUM.

OF "SLAVE" VS "COORDINATOR".

A 1 ON 1 FIGHT

THEY'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT

IT'LL BE YOUR RESPON-SIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF IT.

ALTHOUGH IT'LL EXCEED THE LIMIT OF 3,000 BIOS,

KYATTO

3,000 Bios

90,000 Bios

3 - 10

Bios

1500 Bios

WORTH 840,000 BIOS IN THIS BATTLE.

AND HAVE THEM BET THE 2 TICKETS

THEY WILL CERTAINLY SEND "KYATTO" TO FIGHT! IF WE LOSE, WE'LL LOSE EVEN MORE BIOS!

AL-THOUGH WE CAN AVOID PAYING THE REWARD IF WE WIN,

WAIT A SECOND!

KYATTO

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JUDGING FROM THE FIGHT THIS TIME, IT'S BETTER TO SET THE ODDS OF "KYATTO" TO THE LOWEST

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IN A 1 ON 1 FIGHT,

IT IS NOT UNNATURAL TO SET THE ODDS CLOSE FOR BOTH SIDES.

YOU CAN PAY THE REWARD

OR ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

I'LL LEND HIM TO YOU, THAT'S ALL.

IF YOU ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL,

...HUH?

THE "SINGLE TASK SPECIALIST".

"VERONICA",

THAT MAN

VERO-NICA!?

IS ON THIS ISLAND!?

THE SITUATIONS WHERE THEY WILL BE USED ARE LIMITED.

ARE CALLED "SINGLE TASK SPECIALISTS"

AS PART OF THE "CAST", THEIR JOBS COVER A LOT.

THE "COORDI-NATORS".

BUT THE ONES WITH PARTICULAR TALENT,

MOST OF THEM ARE ALL-ROUNDERS.

KYARA-SAN,

TO SAY WHY...

IF YOU CAN'T WIN,

I'LL BE IN TROUBLE~

FOR EXAMPLE. THE SITUATION WHERE THIS "VERONICA" IS NEEDED,

TO SAY WHY,

WILL ONLY BE FOR

A "COMMISSION TO KILL".

CHAPTER 352
HUNT THE BEAST

MY HEART WASN'T IN A PANIC LIKE THIS.

FORCED TO SEPARATE FROM MY DAUGHTER AFTER MY COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT.

EVEN WHEN I WAS

HOW MUCH

WOULD MY HEART BE REDEEMED...

IF

THAT THING WAS MEAT FROM A COW OR A PIG.

AND THAT BEAST.. HAVE BEEN INTRUDING IN MY SLEEP TO THIS DAY

THAT PIECE OF MEAT

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ROBERT K,

フキュ

THAT GUY'S STRENGTH IS AT REFEREE LEVEL.

AND HE'D BE CONSIDERED A STRONGER ONE...

HE'S STRONG ...?

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU HAVEN'T RECOVERED YET?

IN THAT CASE, IT'LL BE TOUGH TO FIGHT TWO TIMES IN A ROW, HUH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, YOU KNOW?

THIS IS A DEATH MATCH

THAT WON'T BE SHOWN PUBLICLY.

AND,

THE DEVELOPERS WILL...

THERE WON'T BE ANY SPECTATORS IN THIS FIGHT, PLUS THE CONDITION OF BETTING ALL 840 THOUSAND BIOS ON YOU,

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

ARE YOU

TRYING TO PROVOKE ME?

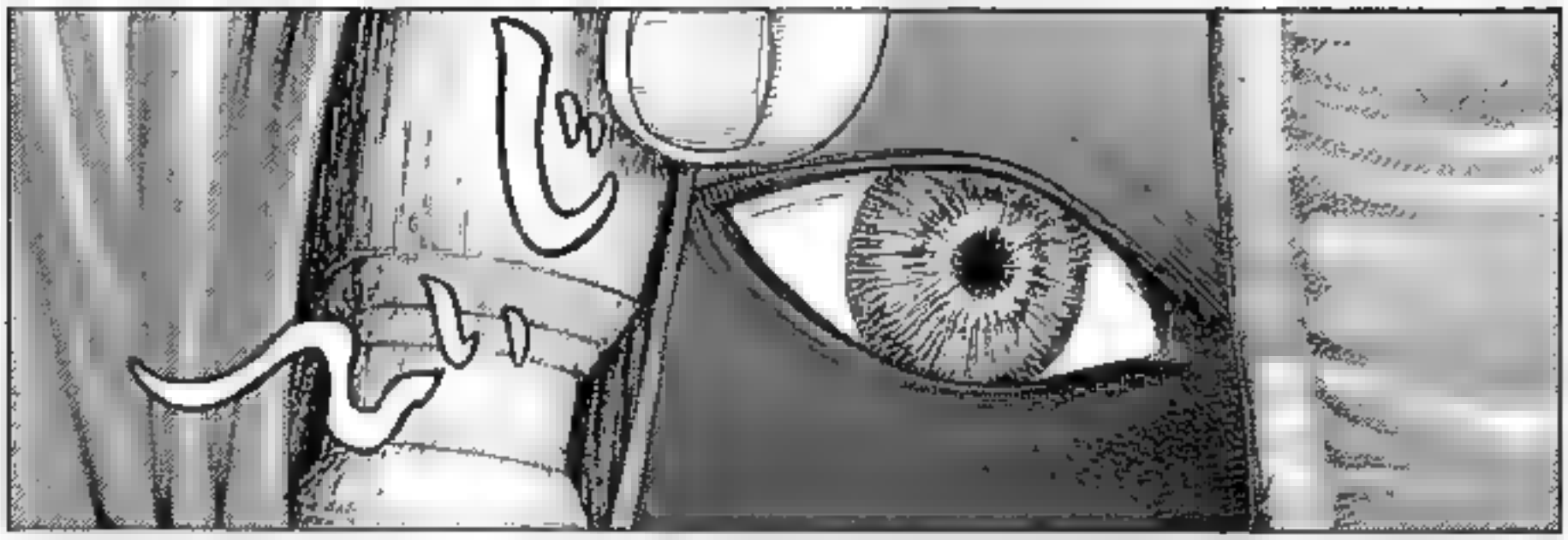
SEND IN THEIR GUARAN-TEED BET.

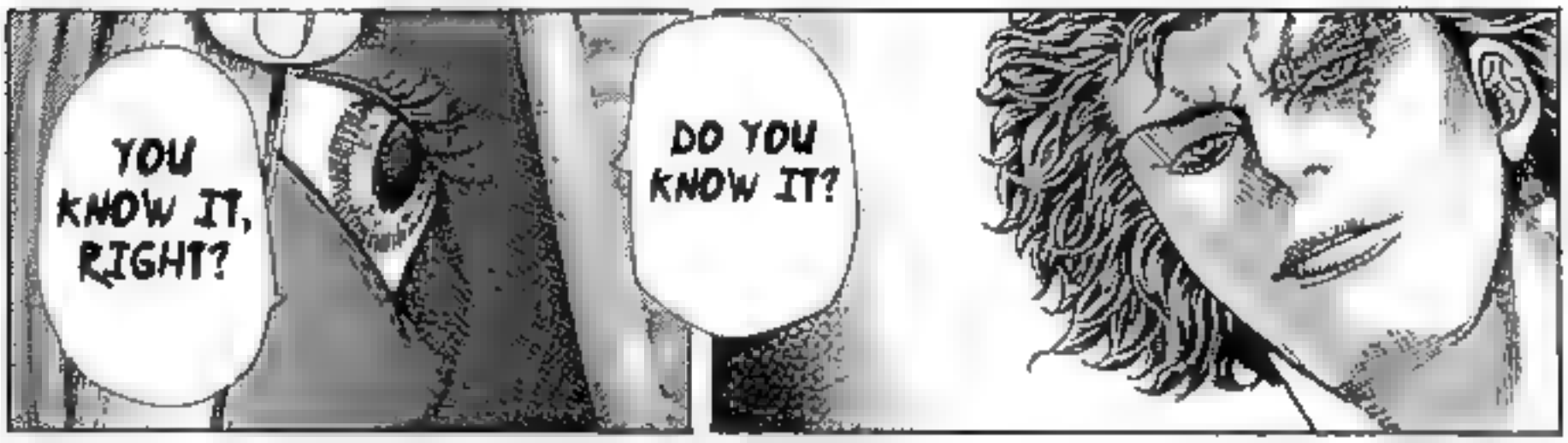
USE IT IF YOU WANT TO.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE FAIRNESS OF THE SHOW.

GO AHEAD.

THAT SABER IS REAL, ISN'T IT...




YOU KNOW IT, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW IT?

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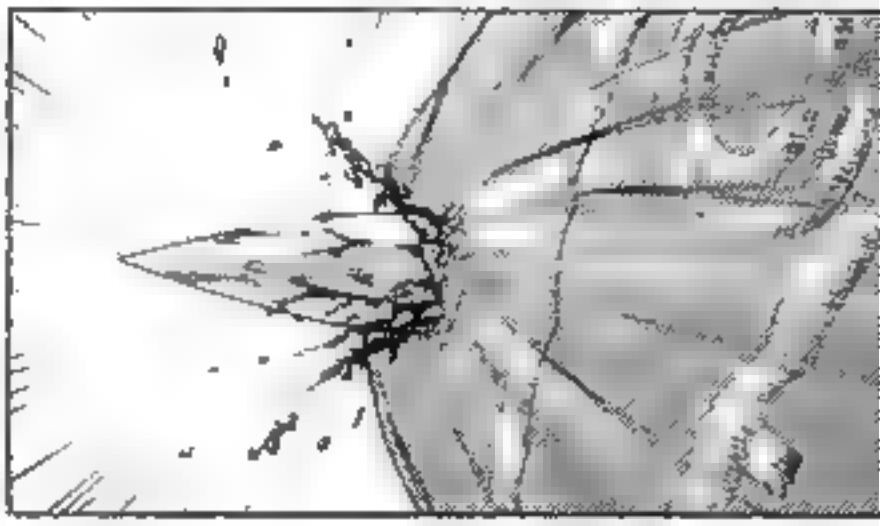
THE TASTE OF A HUMAN BEING.



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WHAT'S WRONG?

I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING...

HE HAS AN INCREDIBLY SHARP "TALENT".

KU...

KUKU

KYARA HASN'T MOVED YET.

...WAS HE INFLUENCED BY KYARA'S KILLING INTENT?

SENSE OTHERS' MOVEMENTS, INTENTIONS,

HE HAS THE "ABILITY" TO

KYARA HAS BEEN LIVING SURROUNDED BY KILLING INTENT UP UNTIL NOW.

AND KILLING INTENT...

A KICK!

HE TOOK THE OPPOR-TUNITY!

THE IDEA THAT SOMEONE WILL ABSOLUTELY WIN.

I DON'T LIKE

THE PRICE WE HAVE TO PAY WILL INCREASE TO 924,000 BIOS.

THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES... IF "VERONICA" LOSES,

IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A WORRY IS UNNECESSARY THIS TIME.

HOW-EVER,

ESPADA!

WHO IS THAT MAN!?

!

WASN'T KYARA!?

THE ONE WHO TOOK THE OPPOR-TUNITY

A BUNCH OF CREW MEMBERS FROM A FOREIGN FISHING BOAT.

DRIFTED TO THIS ISLAND.

NOT LONG AFTER THE GAME ON THIS ISLAND STARTED.

WASN'T A FISHING BOAT, BUT A SPY SHIP.

BECAUSE THE SUNKEN BOAT

NOR TO CONTACT THE *JCG FOR THEM.

NOT FOR HELP

ODDLY, THEY DIDN'T REQUEST FOR ANY-THING

*JCG: JAPAN COAST GUARD

THE DEVELOPERS TOOK THEM TO THE COLOSSEUM.

IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE,

THE EERIE GROUP WHO HAD INVADED THE ISLAND.

THE DEVELOPERS WHO WANTED TO HIDE THE ISLAND...

THE DEVELOPERS CLAIMED IT WAS FOR COLLECTING DATA FOR A "BEAST VS SLAVES SHOW" IN THE FUTURE. BUT THAT WAS

A LIE.

SOMEONE UNLEASHED THE TIGER ARBITRARILY.

THE EXECUTIONER WHO SHOWED UP

WAS A TIGER.

AH.

THE MAN WHO UNLEASHED THE TIGER

EEK..

IN THE END.

THE SHOW BECAME A SUPPER TIME.

YOU'LL BECOME A REAL BEAST AFTER KNOWING THE TASTE OF A HUMAN...

HE SAID:

WAS COORDI-NATOR VERONICA.

NOW, TASTE IT AS YOU WILL.

IT'S SAID THAT AFTER TAKING CARE OF THE CORPSES OF THE SPIES AND THE TIGER, THE DEVELOPERS DEEMED "VERONICA" AS A "COORDINATOR THAT WAS TOO DANGEROUS"

AND EXILED HIM FROM THE ISLAND.

HIS TRUE NATURE HAD BEEN EXPOSED.

I'M ALREADY... TIRED OF HUMANS.

THIS IS THE ONLY CHOICE FOR ME.

I FEEL BAD FOR THEM, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

I WOULD'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT THIS MAN WAS STILL ON THIS ISLAND.

AN IMPORTANT MATCH THAT CAN DECIDE IF I CAN BECOME A KING IN THE FUTURE.

I'VE BET EVERYTHING ON YOU IN THIS MATCH.

FOR ME, THIS IS

A TURNING POINT.

THIS IS

"YOU ARE A MAN WHO KEEPS WININNG".

THE REASON WHY I CALLED YOU HERE WAS BECAUSE

NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.

A WOUNDED BEAST

GOOD.

IS A REAL BEAST.

CHAPTER 353
ANTAGONISM

MOORING COMPLETE.

NOTHING UNUSUAL.

PLEASE REFUEL THE BOAT.

THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK.

RETURNING PLAYERS
ROBERT K
FORCE
PANPAN
WHISOH
NAKAGAWA
MAYONNAISE SOLDIER

NINE OF THEM...

LET'S TAKE A NAP BEFORE SETTING OFF.

HOW MANY "RETURNING PLAYERS" ARE THERE?

MY GAMBLE.

THIS IS

AND THIS

MISSION.

IS YOUR

FOR MY...

AND THE STRATEGIES OF ALL SIDES,

FIGHT...

FOR THE ISLAND'S ...

YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION.

FOR MY...

FOR THE DESIRES

FOR MY...

SPILL YOUR BLOOD, WORK YOUR HEART OUT FOR IT.

KYATTO

VS

COORDINATOR VERONICA

KYARA-SAN... I CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE...

BUT WHAT ARE YOU FIGHT-ING FOR!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR!?

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A MORTAL WOUND ...?

...! SO MUCH BLOOD...

THAT ENDED IN A BLINK OF AN EYE.

I'VE SEEN TOO MANY FIGHTS

WE WERE FIGHTING TO BECOME CITIZENS,

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE!?

"BECOMING A KING"?

"BECOMING THE KAISER"?

BUT,

I KNOW... THAT YOU'RE SMILING...

SO A "CAREFULLY-CHOSEN VIOLENCE" IS NECESSARY.

THIS ISLAND CAN BE INVADED BY FOREIGN ENEMIES ANYTIME...

HE'S A NECESSARY "TALENT" FOR THIS ISLAND.

EVEN IF THERE'S A STEALTHY BEAST TRYING TO GET CLOSE, IT'LL BE EASILY SENSED BY VERONICA...

THAT MAN'S ABILITY TO DOMINATE THE OPPORTUNITIES IN A BATTLE CAN COMPETE WITH YOURS.

TO THINK THAT THIS ISLAND ALSO KEEPS SUCH A MAN...

ALTHOUGH I WAS ASTONISHED BY THAT ACUTENESS OF YOURS WHEN WE MET AGAIN,

嘘吹い㉟。

HE DESTROYED THE SABER.

BEING VIGILANT TOWARDS SOMETHING?

IS HE

WHAT IS THAT MAN THINKING WHILE FACING KYARA?

*MULETA: A STICK WITH A RED CLOTH HANGING FROM IT THAT IS USED IN THE FINAL THIRD OF A BULLFIGHT

IT CAN BECOME A COUNTER STRATEGY FOR THE SABER...

THE SABER CAN EVEN...

NO,

AND THAT "*MULETA" WHICH HAS BLOOD ON IT.

THE TOUGHNESS OF THE FABRIC WILL BECOME STRONGER AFTER ABSORBING LIQUID.

IF THAT BLOOD... IS A BLUFF...

TO MAKE HIM THINK HE TOOK A MORTAL WOUND.

IF KYARA ACCELE-RATED HIS BLOOD FLOW,

AND INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF BLEEDING...

...BE TAKEN AWAY.

WHILE OBSERVING KYARA, HE SENSED SUCH A POSSIBILITY.

JUST LIKE THE TIME WHEN KYARA TOOK AWAY THE "MULETA" FROM HIM.

KYARA'S OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN DUE TO THE OPPONENT HIDING IN THE MULETA.

NOW, VERONICA, WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONTROLLING THE FIGHT, IS BEING OPPRESSED.

EVEN A MULETA CAN MAKE THE SITUATION THIS DIFFERENT. THAT'S HOW FIERCELY THEIR ABILITIES TO DOMINATE THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE CLASHING.

BUT KYARA ALSO GOT THE MULETA DUE TO THAT.

THAT'S RIGHT...

THIS FIGHT CAN BE EXPLAINED IN ANOTHER WAY IF WE LOOK AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE.

WELL WELL, KYARA,

SPLASH

SPLASH

ISN'T THE SITUATION

GRA-DUALLY TURNING OVER?

GU!

HE WON...

HE...

IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING AT ALL IF THAT LEFT ELBOW BLOW

HAD ENDED THE FIGHT.

IS EXTRA-ORDINARY.

IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE THIS MAN'S VIOLENCE

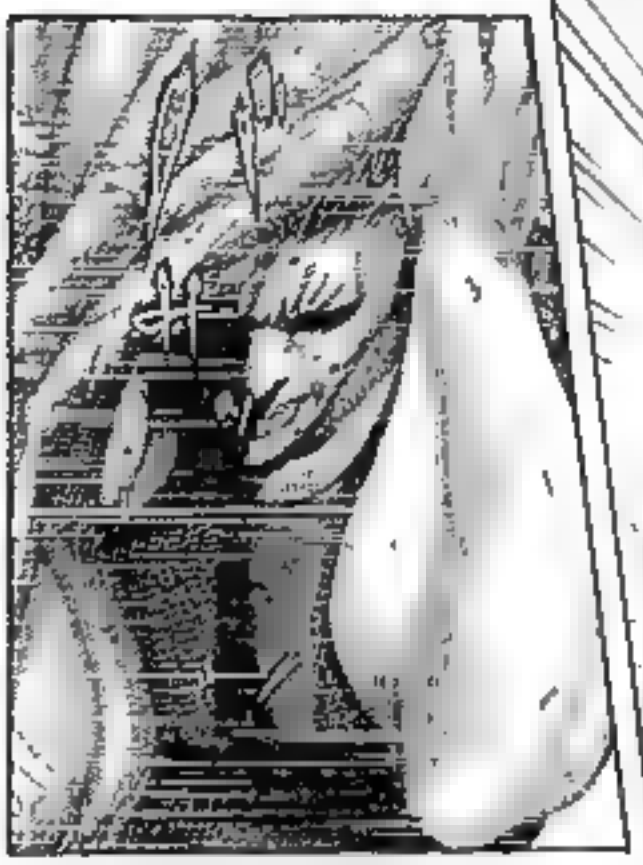
I'M GOING TO STRANGLE YOU

WITH MY OWN HANDS!

YOU BEAST,

COME ON AND STAND UP!!

WHAT'S WRONG, KYARA-SAN!? MOVE!!



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A MORTAL WOUND .....

CAROTID ARTERY...

IT'S NOT A BLUFF.

ASTRO-NOMY?

IT'S SAID THAT SAILORS USED TO TELL WHERE THEIR SHIP WAS BY OBSERVING THE POSITIONS OF THE STARS AND THE SUN.

I BORROWED THE CARPENTER TOOLS TO MAKE IT THE WAY TO MAKE IT IS VERY SIMPLE

YES.

THIS THING IS CALLED A "SEXTANT".

IF YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HIS ALLY, THAT'S THE BEST.

JUDGING FROM THE SPONTANEOUS SITUATION, I'LL PROPOSE A BET OF "EXILING THE LOSER" TO USOGUI.

BUT IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN,

NOWADAYS, WITH SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY LIKE GPS BEING SO COMMON, THEY'VE LONG BEEN FORGOTTEN IN MODERN SOCIETY.

SURPRISINGLY, FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THESE KINDS OF "TOOLS" AND "KNOWLEDGE"

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM.

ROBERT.

IF USOGUI'S ALLY APPEARS IN THE COLOSSUEM TOMORROW,

EO IV

WHAT IS THIS?

THIS IS MY AIM.

"EXILING THE LOSER" IS A GAMBLE ESPECIALLY FOR "YOU".

?

PLEASE LOSE THE MATCH.

THE NORTHERN STAR,

AND OTHER STARS.

ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SOME DEVIATION SINCE IT'S A HANDMADE TOOL AFTER ALL,

IT'S THE ANGLES AND THE OBSERVATION TIMES OF THE STARS MEASURED BY THE SEXTANT.

INCLUDING THE SUN,

WHERE EXACTLY THIS ISLAND IS.

!!

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEARN

IF YOU COMPARE IT WITH THE SIGHT REDUCTION TABLES IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

IT'S A DIFFICULT MISSION.

AMONG MY ALLIES,

NO ONE HAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE VIOLENCE THAT YOU DO... COMPLETE THIS MISSION WHATEVER IT TAKES.

I DON'T THINK KAKEROU WILL MISS SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

BUT IT IS DURING THE BEGINNING, ON THE 3RD DAY OF THE MATCH,

THIS IS A GAMBLE.

IT'S A GAMBLE THAT'S WORTH ACCOMPLISHING

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EVEN IF I HAVE TO MAKE YOU QUIT.

THAT MAKES IT WORTH-WHILE.

WE CAN TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE.

ROBERT K LOST THE FIGHT, SO WE HAVE TO MAKE HIM QUIT THE 卍(BAN) MATCH AND SEND HIM BACK TO HIS COUNTRY.

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REFEREE
DOUJI HARUAKI

UNTIL 12/31, WHEN THE MATCH ENDS, WE HAVE TO CONFINE ROBERT K EVEN AFTER WHEN HE RETURNS TO HIS COUNTRY.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN UPON HIS RETURNING.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE MAY ROB THE BOAT AND FIND OUT THE LOCATION OF THE ISLAND

…

YOU HAVE TO RETURN WITH HIM SINCE YOU'RE HIS FOLLOWER, REFEREE DOUJI.

YOU HAVE TO SPY ON HIM TOO.

IT IS DURING THE BEGINNING, ON THE 3RD DAY OF THE MATCH,

THAT MAKES IT WORTHWHILE.

THEY ARE...

EXCUSE ME.

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PSAT

HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY.

ROBERT K

WHAT.

REFEREE AMEN...

REFEREE DOUJI?

THE DEVELPORS

AND KAKEROU,

DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE MATCH.

IN THIS 卍(BAN) MATCH THAT WAS STARTED IN A HURRY.

IM AFRAID HE WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THE "DEVELOPERS".

WHAT SHOULD I DO? SHOULD I GET ROBERT K BACK FROM THE DEVELOPERS?

WE HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE WHILE THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE STILL IN ANTAGONISM.

HAVEN'T FORMED A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AT THIS STAGE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE TWO ORGANI-ZATIONS

THAT'S WHY I ONLY PUT IN MODERATE EFFORT.

IN SUCH CASES,

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, USUALLY THINGS WON'T GO AS YOU WISH

THAT'S HOW REALITY WORKS .. ISN'T THAT CALLED MURPHY'S LAW?

IN THE FIRST PLACE,

HOLDING A 卍(BAN) MATCH IN SUCH A PLACE IS ABSURD.

I WONDER WHAT THEIR AIM IS?

I CAN COME UP WITH 2 POSSI-BILITIES.

ROBERT K ENTERED THE MACHINE ROOM OF THE COLOSSEUM

REFEREE AMEN.

MACHINE ROOM

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ADVANTAGE OR NEGLIGENCE

PLUS HIS EXTRAORDINARY PHYSICAL ABILITY SHOWN IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN HIM AND 'KYATTO'. THESE ARE ENOUGH TO INTEREST THE "DEVELOPERS"

HE BECAME A CITIZEN ON THE 1ST DAY HE ARRIVED ON THIS ISLAND, AND ENTERED THE COLOSSUEM BY HIS OWN WILL

AND HE HAS THE STRENGTH TO INSTANTLY DEFEAT THE COORDINATOR, AAAA.

FIRST, THEY WERE INTERESTED IN ROBERT K.

THEN THE "DEVELOPERS" WILL WANT TO POACH HIM.

IF HIS CHARACTERISTICS AND APTITUDE ARE GOOD,

SECOND, THEY WANT TO POACH HIM.

BUT ALSO EARN REAL MONEY INSTEAD OF JUST BIOS.

YOU'LL NOT ONLY BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE GAME,

YES.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE WANT TO HIRE YOU AS THE "CAST".

BUT OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO PERFORM THE JOB GIVEN BY US.

WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE YOUR APTITUDE THOROUGHLY.

BUT WE CAN'T HIRE YOU IMMEDIATELY.

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LET'S NOTIFY THE SHIP STAFF.

THEY'LL DECIDE WHETHER TO HIRE YOU OR NOT.

SO OUR SUPERIORS WILL GIVE YOU AN INTERVIEW FIRST.

THERE'S ENOUGH TIME BEFORE DEPARTING, RIGHT?

GIVE IT A THOUGHT.

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BUT HIS NAME IS ON THE RETURNING LIST...

ARE YOU OKAY,

I'M THINKING THAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT YET,

ROBERT K?

SO I'LL INFORM YOU NOW.

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EXILING THE LOSER FROM THE ISLAND, WHICH WILL MAKE THE LOSER QUIT THE MATCH, AND LALO LOST THE BET.

DURING THE BATTLE JUST NOW, VINCENT LALO PROPOSED A BET OF

IF

YOU DON'T DO THAT, AND ACCEPT THEIR POACHING,

YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO REFUSE THE "DEVELOPERS".

I'M NOW ASKING YOU TO LEAVE THIS ISLAND WITH ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IT'S ALSO THE DESTINY OF BEING AN ALLY.

TO PURGE YOU.

WHICH MEANS

AND IT'LL BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO COLLECT THE WAGER.

YOU'LL BREAK THE PROMISE OF BEING EXILED FROM THE ISLAND,

IF THAT REALLY HAPPENS, I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE THE STATE OF YOU "EQUAL TO QUITTING THE MATCH"...

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IN A LONG TIME...

I HAVENT SUFFERED SUCH WOUNDS

BUT, IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO DRAIN SOME OLD BLOOD...

OH MY GOD, IT'S BLOOD~

HEY, LET ME CHECK THE WOUNDS

U...

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HELLO

AH!

SPLASH

...TRY IT...

YOUR BLOOD SPLASHED INTO MY EYES!

THE BLOOD!!

TRY IT.

IF YOU WANT TO COLLECT THE WAGER,

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I'LL PURGE YOU.

OF COURSE, ROBERT K.

HE... HE'S FAST!

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IT'S OVER.

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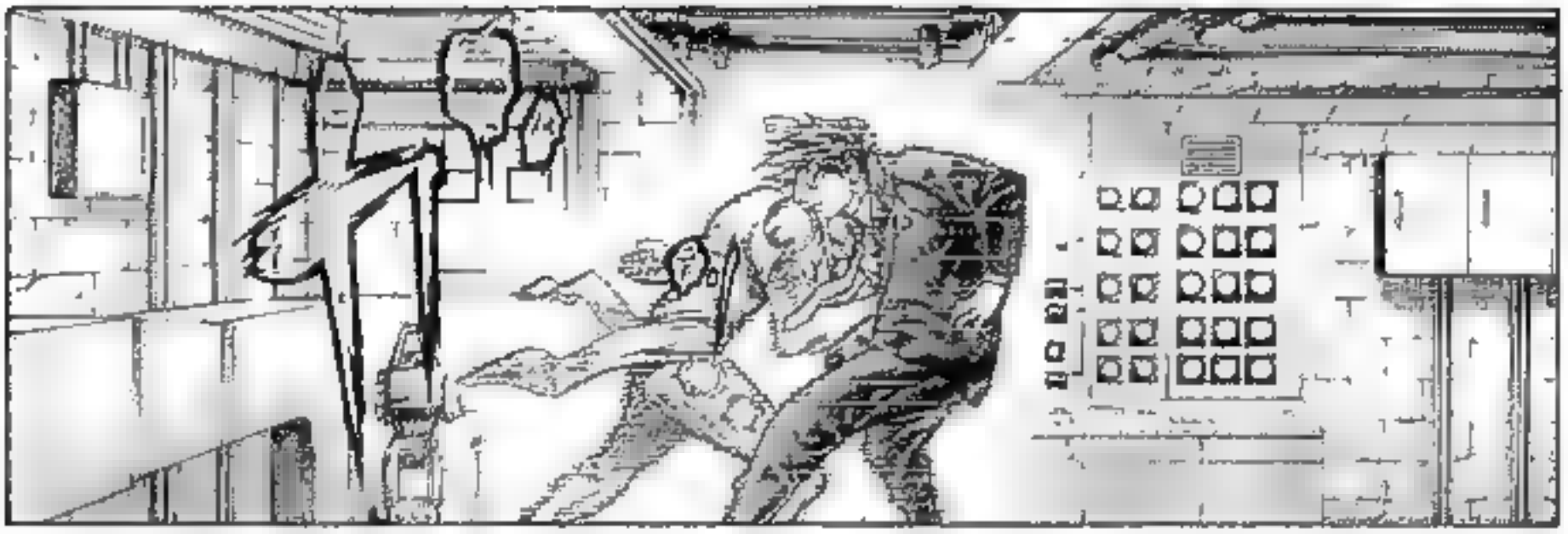
AH!

REFEREE DOUJI, PLEASE AVOID MAKING CONTACT WITH THE "DEVELOPERS" AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

TSK!

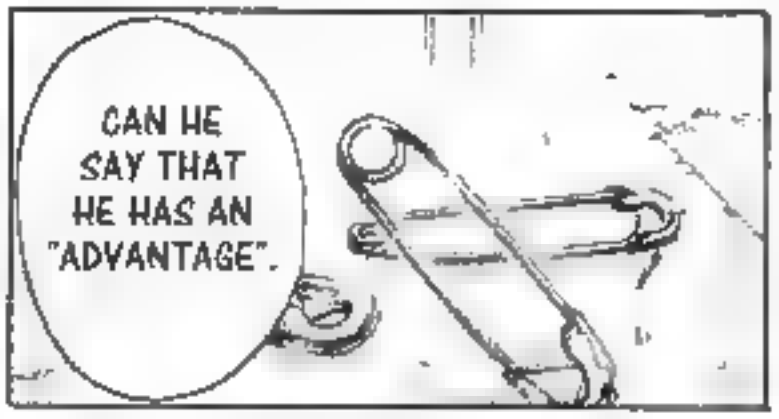
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?

WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?



YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE CHANCE WHILE FACING ME WHO WAS BADLY INJURED.

ONLY WHEN A PERSON MAKES GOOD USE OF THAT "GAP" AND WINS


CAN HE SAY THAT HE HAS AN "ADVANTAGE".

LET'S ASSUME THERE'S A "GAP" BETWEEN BOTH SIDES' CONDITIONS OR STATES,

THAT YOU HAVE THE UPPER HAND...
NOT MAKING GOOD USE OF THE FACT

OK.
LET'S START THE FIGHT, OK!!

AND LOST TO ME, WHOSE CONDITION WAS WORSE THAN YOURS.

...IS NEGLI-GENCE.

CAROTID ARTERY... IT'S A...

KYARA-SAN...!!

KYA...

MORTAL...

WOUND...

"A MORTAL WOUND"...

!!

THE SAME THING,

WAS THINK-ING

EVERY-ONE AT THE SCENE

AT THE MOMENT WHEN

KYARA HAD ALREADY DISAP-PEARED.

AND WHEN HE MOVED HIS SIGHT BACK,

THE SPEAR OF THE MULETA WAS THROWN AT VERONICA.

THIS BEAST...

TWITCH

TWITCH

NO... THE WOUND WASN'T DEEP FROM THE BEGINNING!?

HIS BLEEDING HAS STOPPED ...?

NO!?

THE DEPTH OF THAT WOUND IS TOO PERFECT.

PERHAPS THE WOUND ONLY REACHED THE EXTERNAL JUGULAR VEIN... HE PUT PRESSURE ON IT AND LET HIS BLOOD SPLASH AT THAT MOMENT TO DISGUISE IT AS A MORTAL WOUND.

THAT IS THE WOUND INFLICTED BY THE FIRST THRUST.

THERE'S ANOTHER STAB WOUND... ON HIS BODY!

THE DEPTH OF IT... THAT'S THE ONE!!

WHEN DID HE GET THE WOUND ON HIS NECK...?

BUT...

IS A MONSTER...

THAT SABER!

KYARA LANDED ON

ON THE GROUND!!

IT'S THE SABER

TO CUT HIS NECK...

KYARA USED THAT SABER

AT THAT TIME,

DID YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAD THE UPPER HAND?

MISTAKENLY THINK THAT HE HAD THE UPPER HAND

TO MAKE THE OPPONENT

FOR JUST AN INSTANT.

KYARA-SAN!

NO MATTER WHO THE OPPONENT IS... I'M THE ONE THAT KILLS!!

WHILE NOT EVEN KNOWING WHETHER THAT UPPER HAND EXISTS OR NOT.

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KYARA... SAN ..

LOOKS LIKE I MISTOOK THIS AS A REAL COLOSSEUM TOO.

TSK!

IT'S NOTHING... I WAS JUST SURPRISED.

...

YOU GOT SOME RATS... ON THIS ISLAND, HUH.

BY A RAT THAT SUDDENLY APPEARED.

I ONLY NEED TO DO THE INTERVIEW, RIGHT?

THE OFFER OF LETTING ME BE IN THE "CAST". I ACCEPT IT.

BY THE WAY,

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BECAUSE ANYTHING IS ALLOWED

PERPES-SAN,

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ACCEPTED THIS GAMBLE.

I ONLY GAVE YOU AN OPTION AND LENT YOU VERONICA.

I WAS HOPING TO AT LEAST GET RID OF MADARAME'S PAYMENT...

BUT JUDGING BY THE RESULT, WE HAVE TO DOUBT YOUR MANAGING ABILITY.

...

HUH?

PLUS THE OTHER CASES, WE'VE LOST OVER 2.5 MILLION BIOS.

NOW,

WE'VE LOST 924,000 BIOS TO MADARAME

MADARAME BK

NO...

SINCE HE DIDN'T DO IT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY HIM THE MONEY... WHICH MEANS,

SINGLE WIN

KYATTO 1 · 10 TIMES

WE DIDN'T LOSE ANY MONEY, RIGHT?

DIDN'T EXCHANGE THE MONEY?

THAT YOU

DON'T TELL ME

STOLE MADARAME BK'S TICKET...

Bip 000'8Y0

HUH?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

BUT,

WE STILL LOST OVER 15 MILLION BIOS. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET IT.

YES!!

YE-

IT WAS SO SATISFYING TO WATCH HIM SCREAMING "WHERE DID IT GO?" WITH SUCH AN ANXIOUS EXPRESSION..

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL SOME HOPE LEFT FOR YOU.

IT'S GOOD SINCE YOU'VE AVOIDED THE PAYMENT.

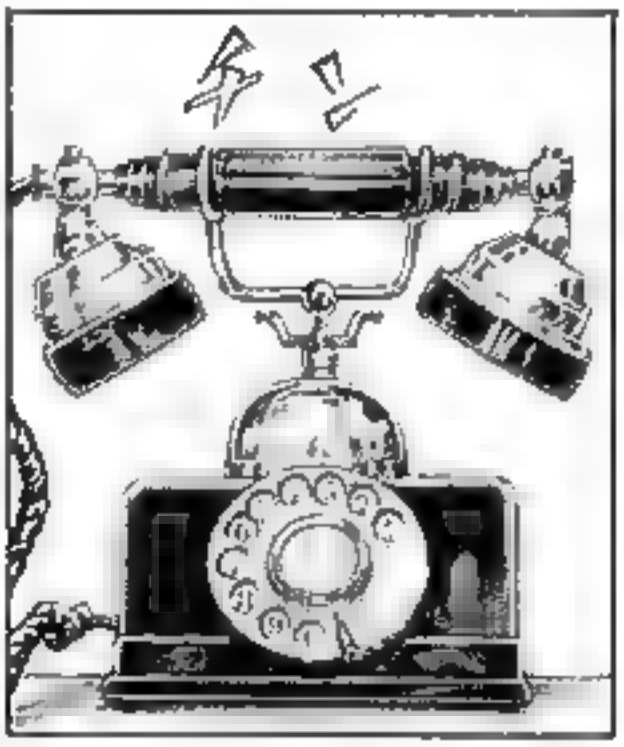
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THIS ANYMORE.

FINE.

YOU REALLY WON'T EXCHANGE THE MONEY?

BECAUSE

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE ANYWAY.



...!!

IS THIS OKAY?

YOU AREN'T ABLE TO PAY ME THE MONEY BECAUSE YOU'VE EMBEZZLED THE BIDS IN THAT TREASURY.

ON TOP OF THAT,

AND MY 920 THOUSAND.

LALO'S 1.5 MILLION

YOU'LL BE DOOMED, RIGHT?

IF SUCH A THING IS FOUND OUT,

I LENT BIDS TO PLAYERS WHO NEEDED MONEY,

AND ASKED THEM TO TRANSFER MONEY TO MY DAUGHTER'S BANK ACCOUNT AFTER THEY WENT BACK TO JAPAN, BUT THEY STRUCK A HARD BARGAIN...

FOR MY DAUGHTER, WHO HAS BEEN LIVING SO SHAMEFULLY BECAUSE OF ME.

I...

WAS TEMPTED.

I HAD NO CHOICE.

.....

IT'S ALL FOR

MY DAUGHTER IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

SOMETHING BAD, ISN'T IT?

THAT'S

THIS WILL BECOME REALLY SERIOUS IF SUCH A THING IS FOUND OUT BY THE DEVELOPERS!

R...RMT! (REAL-MONEY TRADING)

BY THE TIME I REALIZED IT, I EMBEZZLED OVER 200 THOUSAND BIOS...

AH... AND,

I SWEAR.

SO I WON'T EXCHANGE THE MONEY.

YOU CAN'T BE CAUGHT RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

EVEN I WON'T SLEEP WELL IF THAT HAPPENS.

FOR YOUR DAUGHTER.

:

YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF THE DEVELOPERS COME TO CHECK THE TREASURY, RIGHT?

THINK ABOUT IT,

I'LL LEND YOU THE 200,000 BIOS THAT YOU'VE EMBEZZLED.

HUH!?

WITH THIS,

EVERYTHING IS SETTLED, RIGHT?

SO I'LL LEND YOU THE BIOS... BUT IT'S STILL MY BIOS, SO DON'T USE IT, OKAY?

LET'S HEAT UP THE ATMOS-PHERE

OF THE COLO-SSEUM!!

GOAL!!

MADARA-ME BK'S

HE WANTS TO LEVEL UP BY UTILIZING THE COLOSSEUM!

IT'S LEVELING UP!

I FINALLY ...

UNDER-STAND...

IN THESE BATTLES,

THE HIGHER THE LEVEL OF THE OPPONENTS YOU DEFEAT, THE MORE "BIOS", "HONOR", AND "EXP POINTS" YOU'LL GAIN.

IN THE COLOSSEUM ON THE SURFACE, PLAYERS WILL FIGHT THROUGH THE GAME SYSTEM.

CAN KEEP FIGHTING WITH HIGHER LEVEL PLAYERS IN THE COLOSSEUM,

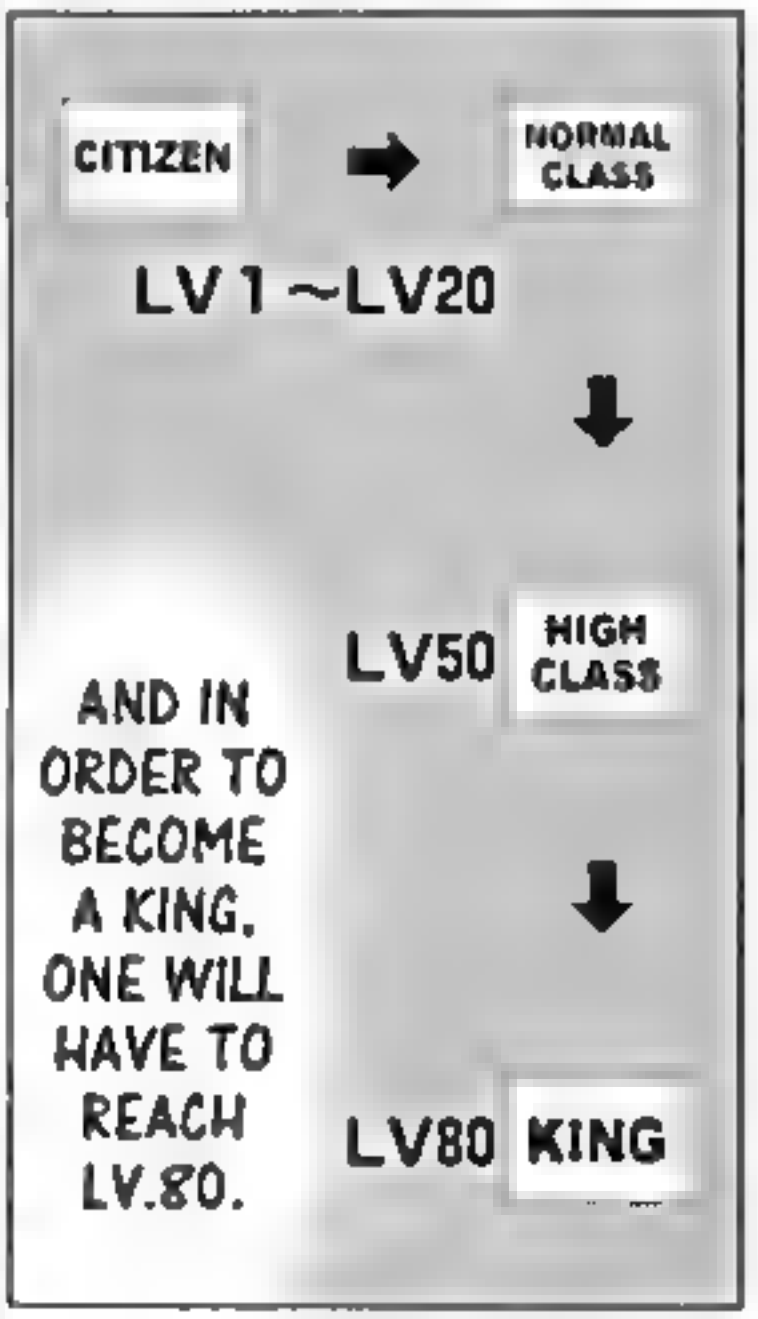
AND KEEP WINNING THROUGH PERPES'S HELP FROM BEHIND THE SCENES,

THEN LEVELING UP WILL BE VERY EASY.

BUT IF HE...

ORIGINALLY, LEVELING UP IS VERY DIFFICULT

AND IN ORDER TO BECOME A KING, ONE WILL HAVE TO REACH LV.80.



MADARAME BK HAS ALREADY DOMINATED THE COLOSSEUM!

WHAT A MAN... ON THE 3RD DAY AFTER HE ARRIVED ON THIS ISLAND,

YOU SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT IT, MANAGER PERPES.

WHAT IS THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO LEVEL UP WITHOUT BREAKING THE RULES?

UNDER-STOOD?

IT MEANS I CAN EXCHANGE THE MONEY ANYTIME BEFORE THAT.

THE DEADLINE OF THE TICKETS IS 12/20.

DEADLINE 12/20

U...

AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

UTILIZE YOUR AUTHORITY

THE MORE THOROUGHLY RUINED IT'LL BE WHEN IT IS DAMAGED.

THE DEEPER A RELATION-SHIP IS,

AND... BE CAREFUL.

I'M SORRY,

BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR ME TO PLAY THIS GAME LEISURELY.

FOR US TO PLAY THIS GAME LEISURELY.

THERE'S NO TIME

KAKEROU WON'T ALLOW ANY ALLIES BESIDES US TO ENTER THE 卍(BAN).

...

"INVESTIGATING THE LOCATION OF THE ISLAND."

AND BECAUSE OF "KAKEROU" AND THE "DEVELOPERS", NO COMMUNICATION TOOLS ARE ALLOWED EITHER...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

BUT,

THE RULE STATES "THE ONE WHO'S THE KAISER, WHEN THE TIME IS DUE, WILL BE THE WINNER",

"ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT IS ALLOWED".

WHICH MEANS...

NOT ONLY CAN WE SEND ILLEGAL ALLIES INTO THE ISLAND,

BUT WE CAN ALSO SEND IN COMMUNI-CATION TOOLS

LIKE KAKEROU DID.

MOREOVER, IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE TO USE SATELLITE TELEPHONES

TO CONTACT THE OUTSIDE WORLD WITHOUT GETTING NOTICED BY KAKEROU.

THAT'S RIGHT.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T GET "BANNED" BY THE "DEVELOPERS",

AND SNEAK THROUGH KAKEROU'S SPYING,

WE CAN DO ANYTHING.

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VARIOUS PLAYS ARE POSSIBLE.

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUT THEIR "IDENTITIES" AND "WEAKNESSES" IN THE OUTSIDE SOCIETY.

HIGH CLASS

KING

FOR EXAMPLE, THE "TRUE IDENTITIES" OF THE "KEY PLAYERS" ON THE ISLAND.

"SENDING THE LOCATION OF THE ISLAND TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD" MEANS

WHETHER WE CAN FIND OUT THE LOCATION DURING THE MATCH IS ALSO A GAMBLE.

EVEN A SECOND.

WE CAN'T WASTE

THEY CAN ONLY NARROW DOWN A GENERAL DIRECTION.

BY USING THIS TABLE CONTAINING DEVIATIONS,

YOU MUST DELIVER THIS INFORMATION TO OUR ALLIES IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

PERHAPS THEY'LL NEED TO RENT THE FRENCH'S SATELLITE IMAGERY

TO SEARCH THAT AREA THOROUGHLY.

DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NICE TO MEET YOU, ROBERT K.

WE'LL START THE "INTERVIEW" NOW.

MANAGER OF THE DEVELOPERS

DAIBA HIROMI

THE NEXT QUES-TION IS,

WHY DID YOU ACCEPT OUR "POACHING?

THE MANAGER... OF THE DEVELOPERS...

I BECAME A CITIZEN AFTER USING MY BRAIN... I TRIED OUT THE COLOSSEUM BECAUSE IT SEEMED INTERESTING.

ALTHOUGH I WAS SURPRISED TO BE BROUGHT TO SUCH AN "ISLAND".

I WAS

SOLD HERE AS A SLAVE.

EVERYTHING WAS RUINED.

BECAUSE OF THAT DUMBASS,

THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME THAT

.....

LAST SUMMER, THERE WAS A "ROBBERY" IN A BAR IN KANAGAWA.

I WAS JUST WAITING IN MY CAR.

I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE "ROBBERY".

ACTUALLY, I HAVE A REASON FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

SO I WAS JUST THINKING IT'D BE PERFECT IF I COULD SETTLE DOWN AND MAKE MONEY HERE.

WHAT'S THAT "REASON"?

WE'LL INFORM YOU OF THE RESULT LATER

THEN, THE INTERVIEW IS OVER.

OF THAT ARRESTED AMERICAN SOLDIER

YOU STILL MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE POLICE UNTIL NOW

BUT YOU'RE TALENTED. TO THINK THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE DEEMED AS THE ACCOMPLICE.

NO... ENTRY?

AH...

YOU GUYS GO FIRST.

OKAY.

!

SO GOOD~

YOU'RE DONE! YOUR LIFE IS GAME OVER!

DO... DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!?

THE ITEMS OF US DEVELOPERS ARE IN CHEAT MODE, IT CAN KILL YOU IN ONE SLASH!

IF I USE THIS KEY CARD

TO ENTER THE UNDER-GROUND FACILITIES IN THAT CAVE,

I'LL FIND THAT "MANAGER" IN THERE, RIGHT?

KU...

PROTOPOROS

YOU...
YOU...
NOW YOU'RE AN "OUTLAW" ...
HOW DARE YOU TAKE OFF THE VEST

SO WHAT?

OF COURSE I'M NOT RELATED TO IT.
THE "ROBBERY" I MENTIONED EARLIER,

HOWEVER, THAT "MANAGER" KNEW ABOUT
THE "ARRESTED AMERICAN SOLDIER" THAT I DIDN'T MENTION.
BUT IT DID EXIST.
IT'S NOTHING BUT A SMALL CASE THAT WASN'T REPORTED IN THE NEWS.

I CAN DELIVER THE OBSERVATION DATA TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD... NOT ONLY THAT, IF IT GOES WELL,

I CAN GAIN MUCH MORE BENEFIT FROM IT.

IF I WERE TO USE THAT,

WHICH MEANS HE SEARCHED IT ON THE "INTERNET"...

THAT "MANAGER'S" COMPUTER IS CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET.

THIS IS IT.

WHA-

WHAT?

KEY CARD SLOT?

IS THAT THE

THAT IS TO SAY,

……

THE END.

!!

YOUR GAME IS OVER.

A MOMENT AGO

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THE SNEERING BROTHER

YOU GOT ME PRETTY BAD, HUH.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ANGRY FOR THAT.

BUT,

AFTER ALL, MY POLICY IS

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TO DO EVERYTHING IN MODERATION, YOU SEE.

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THE SNEERING BROTHER

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OH?

AFTER TAKING MY 3 HIT COMBINATION.
YOU'RE STILL STANDING

TWO DAYS AGO
I AM... DESPERATE, YOU SEE.
…

I HAPPEN TO LOSE THIS MATCH, I WILL PROBABLY END UP DYING DUE TO MY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT WILL BE ANNOYED IF I DIE, YOU SEE... IF I AM RIGHT THAT INCLUDES YOU AS WELL, RIGHT?

IF

"LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH"... THAT'S ALL.

UNLESS THERE WAS A SUFFICIENT BIND., OR "ADVANTAGE" OR "WEAKNESS" BETWEEN THEM.

THINKING NORMALLY, NO ONE WOULD EVER GO.

HE WON'T GO.

DOUJI-SAMA, RIGHT?

CITIZENS MOVE FIRST.

PLEASE.

BY THE WAY, HE IS ALREADY MOVING TOWARDS THE GAMBLE'S LOCATION.

THAT'S EVERY-THING.

MAKING UP YOUR MIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WOULD PROBABLY BE HELPING HIM.

YES OR NO?

HEY, LET ME CHECK IT.

MAYBE YOU HIT SOMETHING?

YOU HAVE BLOOD OVER YOU...

OH NO~

YET, I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE NAME "HE'S" USING NOW.

I DECIDED TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH LALO AFTER KNOWING THAT "HE" WAS ALSO WITH HIM.

IF LALO DIES NOW, ALL MY EFFORT WILL BE IN VAIN.

IF I AM NOT ABLE TO FIND "HIM" QUICKLY...

I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT ANYTHING, SINCE THE "ACIA" OF KAKEROU ERASED ALL TRACES OF INFORMATION.

I SUSPECT "HE" WAS INVOLVED IN IT, BUT...

THE TOWER INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED 10 DAYS AGO...

WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG...

ESPECIALLY

EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD... HAS MADE MISTAKES BEFORE.

TO SEE HIS

THAT TIME I WENT TO SEE MY LITTLE BROTHER WHO HAD BEEN SOLD.

I SNEERED.

MIS-FORTUNE...

I WILL NEVER FORGET IT.

THE FACE

HE MADE AT THAT TIME...

ONE DAY, I HAPPENED TO REMEMBER THAT.

SO I WANT TO MEET HIM AND ASK HIM...

WHY DID I GO TO SEE MY LITTLE BROTHER?

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT THE FACE THAT I MADE AT THAT TIME.

REFEREE DOUJI,

HOW DISGUSTING WAS THE FACE I HAD BEEN MAKING AT THAT TIME.

WHILE KAKEROU AND THE DEVELOPERS AREN'T COOPERATING YET.

BECAUSE I WANTED TO TAKE THIS CHANCE

BUT,

AT FIRST, I PREDICTED

...

...

YOU REFUSED TO BE "EXILED".

THAT WE WOULD BE KILLING EACH OTHER ON THE RETURNING BOAT.

WHAT?

WHA...

AND DISCOVER THE LOCATION OF THE ISLAND.

!!

MY WISH IS TO LEAVE THE ISLAND FREELY,

ROBERT K HAD INDEED BEEN TRYING TO DISCOVER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISLAND SOMEHOW...

DID YOU HEAR THAT, REFEREE AMENI?

THE DEVELOPERS YOU'VE BEEN TRACKING TO FIND THIS PLACE,

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THEM, WHO RETURNED TO THE BASE FIRST,

TO WORRY ABOUT THE REASON FOR THEIR FRIEND BEING SO LATE?

IT SEEMS YOU ARE BEING RELAXED JUST BECAUSE YOU DESTROYED THE KEY CARD SLOT, BUT...

MY GOAL RIGHT NOW IS TO SNEAK INTO THE "DEVELOPERS" BASE.

AAH!!

DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT I TOOK 3 OF YOUR BLOWS FOR NOTHING?

HUH?

...

!!

THE "DEVE-LOPERS" BASE!

THIS IS

SO...

STRONG!!

THERE IS NO ONE HERE.

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OKAY.

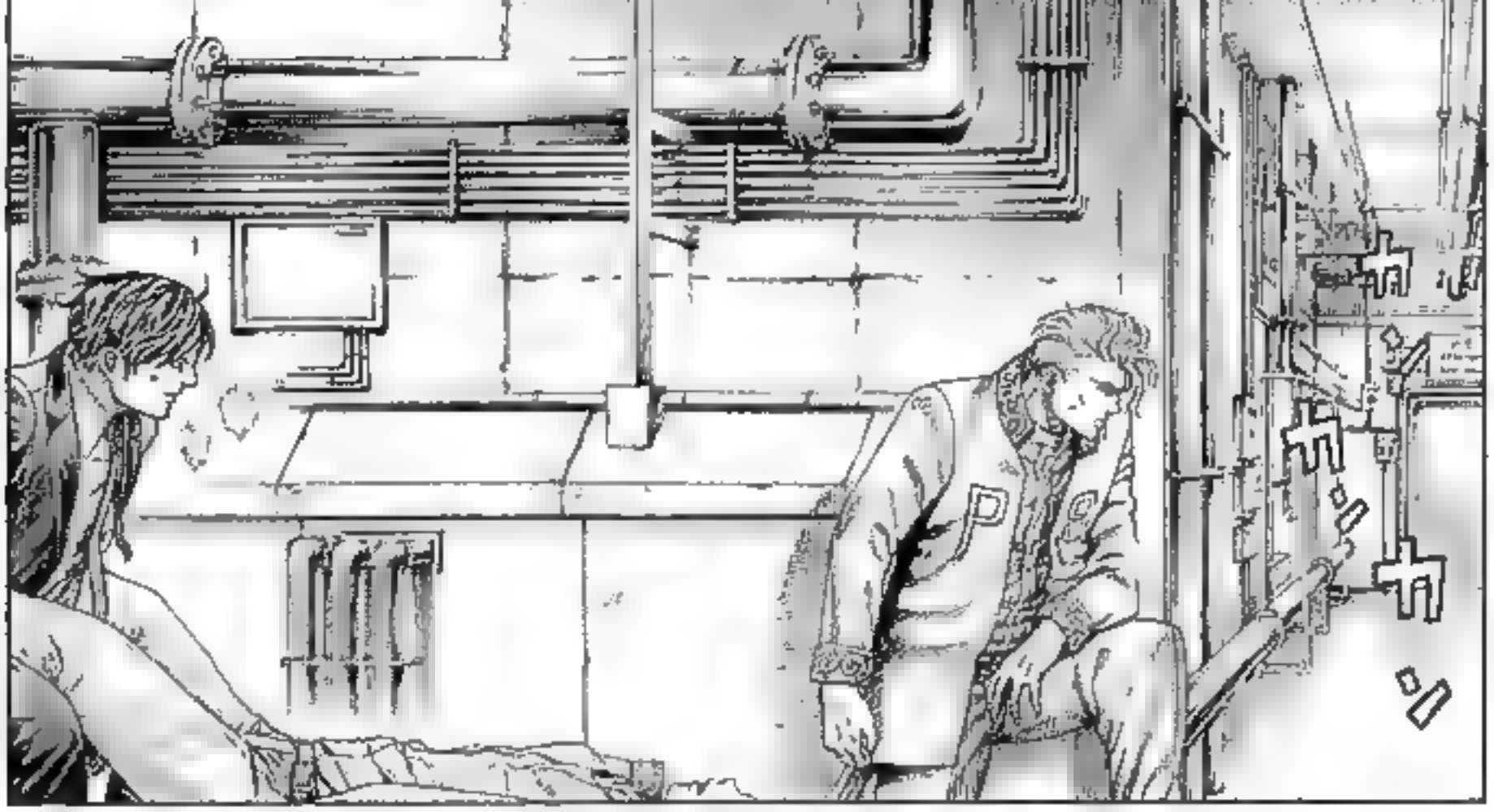
WHAT ARE THEY DOING OUTSIDE...? LET'S HAVE A LOOK.

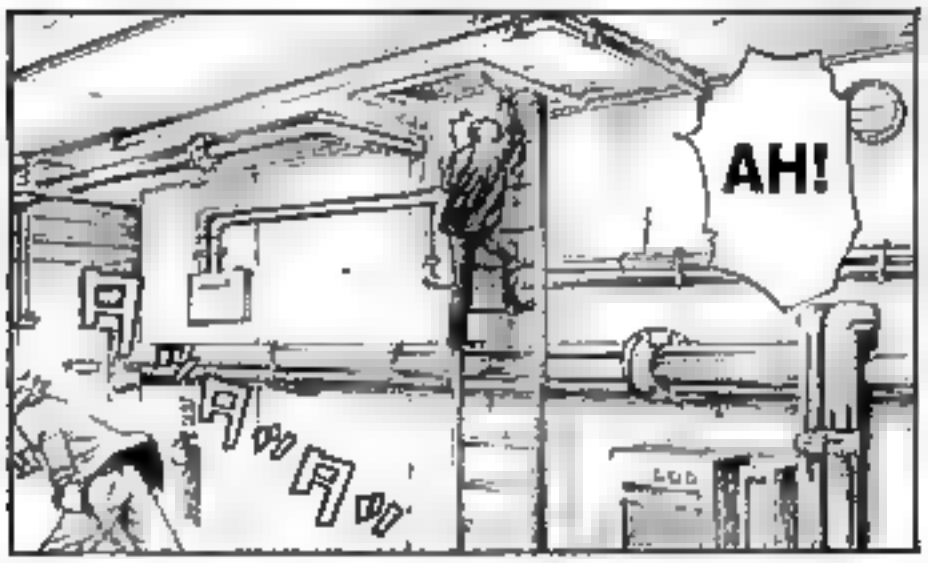
THE HATCHWAY IS WIDE OPEN.

SHIT!!

STEP STEP STEP

SHI-

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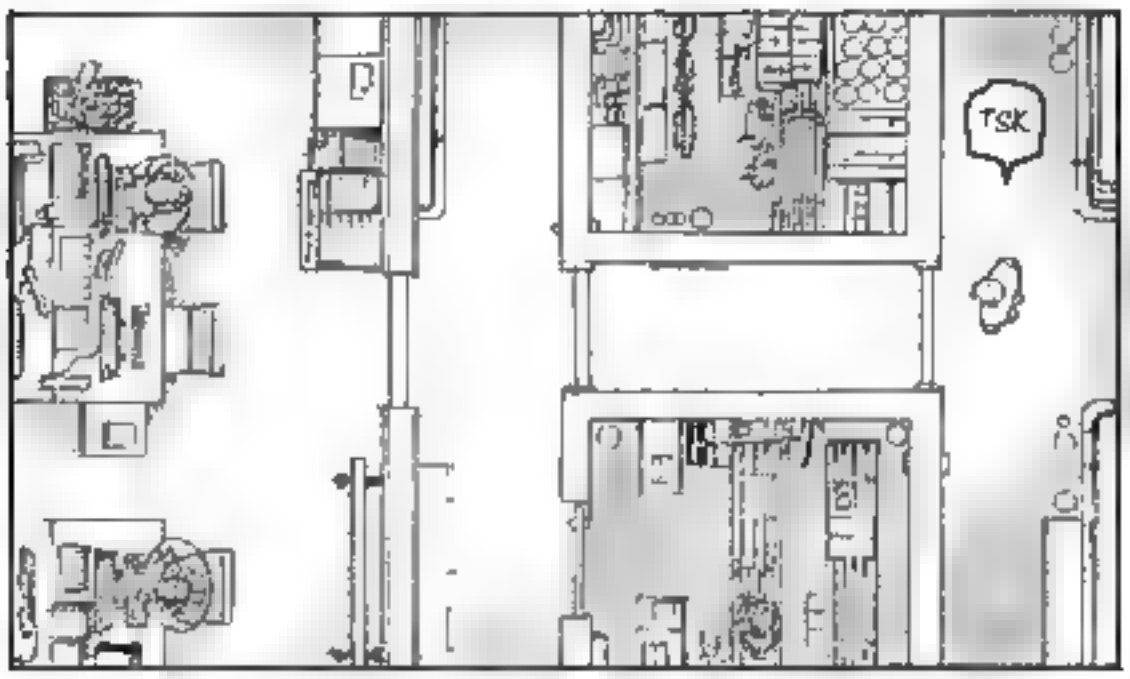
PLEASE.
THE HATCHWAY CAN'T BE OPENED FROM OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW. LET'S LOCK IT UP.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SYSTEM OPERATION ROOM FLOOR
TIPA AZURA SHOUDO
BZZZ
NO GOOD.
I CAN'T ENTER HERE WITH THIS CARD.

CHIEF!!

THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PLACED NEAR THE TIPA'S SLAVE DORMITORY HAS FOUND AN UNREGISTERED PERSON!!

WHAT?

AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN ERROR OF THE FACIAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM,

BUT WE CONFIRMED IT AFTER MATCHING THE DATA WITH THE ONE FROM THE COLOSSEUM! SUCH A PROBLEM WAS CAUSED BY NOT PLACING MORE CAMERAS AFTER ALL!

COLOSSEUM. TICKET SALES PLACE

THE VEST THIS PERSON IS WEARING HAS BEEN CHECKED AND MATCHED TO

THE VEST FROM ANOTHER PERSON WHO ENTERED THE ISLAND 3 DAYS AGO.

MOREOVER, THERE IS NO RECORD OF THIS PERSON'S FACIAL DATA!

IN OTHER WORDS, HE IS NOT A PLAYER,

BUT AN INTRUDER!

HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN "OUTLAW"!

BEEP

REPORT IT TO "SECURITY" OF THE MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS INCIDENT WILL CAUSE AFTERWARDS.

IT OPENED.

WHAT THE GUYS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING EITHER.

SO MAYBE THEY DO NOT KNOW

COULDN'T OPEN A DOOR UNTIL NOW.

THIS CARD STOLEN FROM THAT "DEVELOPER" JUST NOW,

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MANAGEMENT DIVISION FLOOR

SECURITY TRANSPORT

EVEN THOUGH WE SIMPLY CALL THEM DEVELOPERS, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN HIERARCHY SYSTEM.

WAS RIGHT.

HIS DEDUC-TION

RIGHT NOW... I HAVE TO CATCH ROBERT K.

JUST AS HE PREDICTED.

FROM THIS FLOOR ON.

THE ATMOSPHERE IS DIFFERENT.

ARE THESE THE GOODS ON THEIR WAY TO BE TRANSPORTED TODAY?

THEY'LL BE LOADED ON TONIGHT'S BOAT?

WHAT'S THIS PLACE..?

THEY'VE BEEN PRODUCING THESE ON THIS ISLAND AND SHIPPING THEM OUTSIDE TOO.

THIS IS COCAINE, AND MARIJUANA...

WOW.

BUT THIS IS PERFECT AS A PAINKILLER.

WHERE PEOPLE IN CRIMINAL TV SHOWS, LICK THESE TO IDENTIFY THE GOODS.

THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF SCENES

YEAH.

YOU'LL BECOME HIGH, WON'T YOU?

BUT IF YOU DO IT IN REAL LIFE,

...
WOAH...
!
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.
NO,
THESE ARE
DEAD PEOPLE?
THEY'VE BEEN INTUBATED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION ....

CAUSING A VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION FORCIBLY.

AND LEAVING THEM HELPLESS FOR AROUND 20 MINUTES, THEN THEY'LL BECOME BRAIN-DEAD.

IF YOU RESUME THEIR HEARTBEAT AFTER THAT,

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP AND TRANSPORT THEIR ORGANS ALIVE AND IN PERFECT CONDITION FOR A LONG TIME...

IT'S PROBABLY

...

BRAIN DEATH STATUS.

IS ALSO HARVESTING AND SELLING ORGANS?

THIS ISLAND

CARBON,

IRON,

PHOS-
PHORUS,

WATER,

ZINC,

CHALK,

AND
SULFUR.

THEY ARE ALSO ALL OF THE ELEMENTS CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY OF A HUMAN BODY.

WHILE THEY'RE ALL SUCH AVERAGE THINGS EVEN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CAN BUY EASILY.

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THE 2BAND INITIATOR

NO ONE IS ABLE TO MEASURE THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAMA, OR THE HUMANITY.

HOWEVER, BY TAKING EACH ELEMENT INDIVIDUALLY,

BY ACTIVATING TRILLIONS OF THESE TOGETHER,

A NEW DRAMA IS BORN THROUGH THE CREATION OF A BODY.

HOW WILL THEIR LIFE BURN?

HOW WILL THEY WORK TOGETHER? HOW WILL THEY TRANSFORM?

HOW WILL EACH ONE OF THEM DECIDE TO LIVE?

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THE 72(BAN) INITIATOR

I WANT TO SEE HOW

LIKE PREPARING THE CHALK AND THE SULFUR, I ONLY PROVIDED A STAGE FOR THEM.

THEY WILL ACTIVATE TOGETHER...

THESE MIGHT ONLY BE A TINY PORTION

SELLING DRUGS,

SELLING PEOPLE,

SELLING ORGANS,

WHO KNOW NOTHING,

AND ARE SIMPLY ENJOYING THE GAME HERE.

OF THE DARK SIDE OF THE DEVELOPERS, WHO ARE DOING ALL THESE THINGS BEHIND THE BACK OF THE PLAYERS,

EVEN IF THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE PICTURE, THE PLAYERS SHOULD BE FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS OFF

OR THE PERIODIC ARRIVAL OF SLAVES FROM OUTSIDE,

THE "SLAVES" AND THE "UNTOUCHABLES" WHO DISAPPEAR MYSTERIOUSLY ONE DAY,

KNOWING NOTHING...

IS THAT REALLY SO?

EVERYONE IS JUST LIVING ON, FEIGNING IGNORANCE OF THINGS THEY'RE ALL TOO MUCH AWARE OF.

IT'S THE SAME EVERYWHERE. EVEN IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME...

THE DEVELOPERS ARE CUNNING.

COMMIT MANY CRIMES UNDER THE NAME OF ENTERTAIN-MENT,

THUS CREATING A SHARED CULPABILITY WITH THE DEVELOPERS.

WHO COME TO THE ISLAND TO RELIEVE STRESS,

THEY ARE MAKING THE PLAYERS,

YOU HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY DOING THESE DANGEROUS ACTS UNTIL NOW.

EVEN FIGHTING THAT KYARA AND GETTING HURT IN THE PROCESS.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE DEVELOPERS FIND US IF WE GO ON LIKE THIS.

TO SAY SUCH A SIMPLE WORD

HE WANTED

STOP.

CHILL AND...

HOW ABOUT YOU JUST

STAYED SILENT.

BUT DOUJI

THERE WERE MANY THINGS HE WANTED TO ASK.

TO THE POINT OF BEING HURT THAT BAD? WHY DID YOU COME TO THE ISLAND?

WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING SO HARD

WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND YOUR ACTIONS?

EVERY WORD HE COULD SAY SIMPLY FELT CHEAP...

IN FRONT OF A MAN WHO HAS SO MANY WOUNDS CARVED ON HIS FACE WHILE FULLY KNOWING THE RISKS,

LALO'S ALLY
ROBERT K

VS

REFEREE NO.11
DOUJI HARUAKI

LET'S FIGHT TO THE END,

ROBERT K!!

OK!!

FULFILL

I'LL PURGE YOU AND

MY ROLE AS A REFEREE!

PROBABLY CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU.

REFEREE DOUJI.. THE ME RIGHT NOW

AHH

YOU'RE DONE! YOUR LIFE IS GAME OVER.

DO... DO YOU KNOW

ARE CHEAT ITEMS MADE FOR THE DEVELOPERS.

[redacted] OF US DEVELOPERS ARE IN CHEAT MODE, IT CAN KILL YOU IN ONE SLASH!

THIS "VEST" AND "WEAPON",

I CANNOT BE STOPPED YET,

IF THIS FIGHT DIDN'T TAKE PLACE ON THIS ISLAND.

I WOULD HAVE LOST

INTRUDERS DETECTED!

ONE ON THE ISLAND AND

ONE IN THIS FACILITY!! FIND HIM SOON!!

UNTIL I GET BACK MY LITTLE BROTHER WITH MY OWN HANDS,

THROUGH CROSSING THE DANGEROUS BRIDGE OF BEING A DOUBLE AGENT IN IDEAL.

WHILE I'M COMPLETING MY OBJECTIVE.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN DETECTED BY THE DEVELOPERS. THEY'LL BE ARRIVING SOON.

RIGHT NOW, MY "ATTACK" AND THE "DEATH" OF YOUR "VEST"

I'LL HAVE YOU BEAR THE BURDEN OF ALL MY CRIMES.

AND "LALO" HAVE ALREADY MADE

"USOGUI"

A BIG MOVE AT THIS EARLY STAGE.

IT'S NOW TIME! REFEREE DOUJI!! PLEASE RESPOND!

REFEREE DOUJI!

TSK!

TRYING TO USE KAKEROU'S NATURE AGAINST ITSELF TO GAIN BENEFIT...

THIS WAS WITHIN PREDICTIONS.

AND LALO IS PROBABLY

TAKEN OVER THE COLOSSEUM.

USOGUI HAS

THE "SUDDENNESS".

THE REASON FOR ALL THIS IS

BECAUSE OF HOW "POWERFUL" KAKEROU IS...

NORMALLY, SUCH BEHAVIOR WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE HIDDEN BEHIND THIS MATCH...

BUT THE 卍(BAN) INITIATOR, MIDARA, STILL HELD SUCH A MATCH WITH GREAT EFFORT.

A "WEAK SPOT" WAS BORN IN THE LACK OF TIME TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPERS IN ORDER TO GET THEIR COOPERATION.

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAPPEN DUE TO SUCH A RUSHED JOB

HALF A DAY.

THE TIME GIVEN TO START THE 卍(BAN) MATCH WAS

A MERE HALF-DAY.

PROTOPOROS

IS CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET...

THIS PC...

WITH THIS, I CAN SEND THE SEXTANT DATA...

HERE... IT IS...

CLACK

PROTO

THE "FRAME" WITH THE LOGO...

MATCHES THE ONE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN DURING THE INTERVIEW.

PR

THE VEST'S BATTERY WENT CRAZY, I GUESS... THUS I AM STILL ABLE TO MOVE SOMEHOW...

AND YOU ALSO STABBED ME WITH THE PIN BEFORE,

IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE WE FOUGHT TOO HARD,

IF YOU ACCEPT IT,

YOUR LITTLE BROTHER'S CASE.

WE CAN MAYBE LEND YOU OUR "STRENGTH" ON IT...

FOR US TO KEEP FIGHTING, RIGHT?

THEN THERE WON'T BE ANY MEANING

FAR

I AM CURRENTLY

FROM IT...

REFEREE DOUJI,

WHY

THE "MODERATION" I IMPOSE ON MYSELF.

FAR FROM

ARE YOU STILL STANDING?

RIGHT NOW...

YOU'RE WEAK.

YOU TOOK MUCH MORE DAMAGE THAN I DID.... AND STILL, YOU ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE ME?

I WILL DEFI-NITELY

MAKE YOU REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHER.

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF, ROBERT K!!

IT'S OVER.

THINK AGAIN ON HOW I WAS ABLE TO COME HERE...

EVERY-THING IS OVER.

I WAS FORBIDDEN TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE DEVE-LOPERS.

YOU'RE LOSING YOUR COOL RIGHT NOW!

YOU ARE SO NAIVE,

REFEREE DOUJI!!

PROT

USING KAKEROU TO GAIN A BENEFIT IN THIS 卍(BAN) MATCH IS IMPOSSIBLE.

BUT FROM NOW ON,

THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE...

...

SEEMS LIKE WE MADE IT ON TIME...

YOU CAN'T

DO AS YOU PLEASE ANYMORE.

NO.28

REFEREE
MIDARA YUUSUKE

DURING THE NEXT 21 DAYS,

WE WANT YOU TO CONCEDE TO US KAKEROU REFEREES

EXTRA-TERRITORIAL RIGHTS ON THIS ISLAND.

CHAPTER 358

SHORT-TERM MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND COMPROMISES AND HOPE

REFEREE DOUJI.

SEEMS LIKE YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM...

I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

HE IS THE MAN I JUST INTERVIEWED PREVIOUSLY...

UNBE-LIEVABLE...

THE SHOCK TO THE ASSIGNED "VEST" HAS BEEN APPLIED.

AN ANNOUCEMENT TO THE "MANAGER".

INDEED ...

TO THINK THERE WAS A PLAYER WHO WOULD DARE PUT A HAND ON THE DEVELOPERS...

THIS IS QUITE AN URGENT MATTER.

MANAGER OF THE DEVELOPERS

DAIBA HIROMI

THE REASON WE COULD FIGURE OUT WHICH STAFF MEMBER'S VEST WAS STOLEN BY ROBERT K, AND END UP CATCHING HIM,

WAS THANKS TO US FINDING REFEREE DOUJI IN THE WAREHOUSE AND GIVING HIM THE RECEIVER TO LET HIM COMMUNICATE WITH US WHILE HE WAS TAKING ACTION.

HOWEVER, DAMAGES HAVE BEEN KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

THIS IS NOT A STORY SO EASILY BELIEVABLE...

KAKEROU... REFEREES...

I KNEW SUCH A DAY WOULD COME SOONER OR LATER.

BUT, ANYHOW...

AMONG THE CITIZEN PLAYERS YOU SENT IN.

THERE'S ALSO SOMEONE WHO ENTERED THIS ISLAND WITHOUT BEING FORMALLY REGISTERED,

WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY US,

HOWEVER, WHAT YOU JUST SAID IS NOT REALISTIC.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING A NORMAL ORGANIZATION WOULD BE ABLE TO DO.

YOU SENT 10 SLAVE PLAYERS INTO THIS ISLAND, MOREOVER...

I'M AFRAID THAT HE IS RIGHT NOW IN THE DEVELOPERS FACILITY WITH ROBERT K.

PLEASE SEARCH FOR HIM QUICKLY.

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH REFEREE DOUJI.

HOW ARE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPERS GOING, REFEREE MIDARA?

BUT THE CURRENT SITUATION WILL DO TOO.

NOW, WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE THEM OBEY US...

WE PLANNED FOR THIS TO HAPPEN THROUGH REFEREE IKON, WHOM WE MADE WEAR ANOTHER REFEREE'S VEST,

"DISCLOSING OUR PRESENCE TO THE DEVELOPERS",

FOR THE DEVELOPERS WHO BEAR SUCH A DARK SIDE,

REFEREE MIDARA, THE ONLY ONE AWARE OF THE ISLAND'S LOCATION,

WE MAY BE THE ONE ORGANIZATION THEY NEVER WANT TO HAVE AS AN ENEMY.

AND US, KAKEROU, WHO OWNS "ACIA".

WE HAVE CAPTURED THE CULPRIT FOR ALL THIS MESS.

!

IMMEDIATELY CANCEL THE HUNT FOR THE OUTLAW DISCOVERED IN THE COLOSSEUM.

AND,

IT'S ME, DAIBA.

IS A HEAVY CRIME.

TAKE HIM AWAY.

TO BEAR HIS FANGS AT US

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

AH...

WHAT IS?

THAT IS IMPOS-SIBLE.

I CAN'T MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF HIM,

BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT IT EITHER... HE'LL BE SUFFERING UNTIL HIS DEATH...

DID YOU REALLY NOT UNDER-STAND?
SO WHAT... YOU SAY?

IS MY TARGET TO PURGE. I HAVE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED MY TASK.
ROBERT K...
SO WHAT?

!
...

HE HAS ALREADY
BEEN PURGED.

THAT'S A GIVEN
HE'S... DEAD...
THAT'S WHAT A REFEREE IS.

CAN'T KEEP ON GOING LIKE THIS WITH ONLY PRETTY THINGS. YOU KNOW IT TOO SINCE YOU'RE ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS, RIGHT?

THIS ISLAND

TORTURE WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING TOO. BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE'D BE SOLD AS AN ORGAN DONOR, WOULDN'T IT?

...

I WAS MISTAKEN.

INDEED.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO

UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY... WHAT A SHAME.

...

THERE'S A LINE WHERE, ONCE CROSSED,

EVERYTHING WILL STOP MATTERING AT ALL.

INCLUDING THINGS LIKE "KAKEROU" OR THE "ACIA"...

WE STILL NEED TO DISCUSS ON ALL THE DETAILS... THERE ARE SOME PARTS WE CANNOT ALLOW EITHER.

LET'S SAY WE AGREE ON THE BIG PICTURE.

NOW,

YOU CAN ATTACH HIM TO THE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION SYSTEM.

THE BOAT WILL DEPART SOON.

FROM NOW ON.

EVERYONE, IT TOOK ME SOME TIME, BUT.

GOOD EVENING --

FINALLY, THE NEGO-TIATIONS ARE OVER.

WILL MAKE A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT.

WE, KAKEROU, AND THE DEVELO-PERS,

HOWEVER, REFEREES WILL ALSO BE TREATED AS "PLAYERS"

THE DEVELOPERS WILL ALLOW KAKEROU'S PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND.

THE "VESTS" WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU INCLUDING REFEREE IKON AND IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR YOU TO WEAR THEM

FOR 21 DAYS,

NOW, KAKEROU HAS

MY APOLOGIES FOR HAVING YOU WORK UNDER SUCH AN UNSETTLING SITUATION FOR 3 DAYS.

PLANTED THEIR ROOTS ON THIS ISLAND.

BEGINS NOW.

THE REAL SHOW

THE 3RD DAY OF THE KAKEROU MATCH HELD ON THIS ISLAND.

"PROTO-POROS".

THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND.

FINALLY ENDED.

PLEASE REFER STRICTLY TO THE ATTACHED MANUAL, MEASURES EFFECTIVE "IMMEDIATELY".

ESPECIALLY FOR SOME DESIGNATED PLAYERS, WHERE THE THOROUGH LEVEL 3 CHECK WILL BE IN PLACE.

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BEEP

AN URGENT WORK COMMUNI-CATION.

INCREASE THE SECURITY OF ALL THE ENTERING AND RETURNING PLAYERS' BODY SEARCH.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MEASURES IMPLEMENTED TO AVOID CASES SUCH AS WHAT OCCURRED THIS TIME.

WE WILL EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO YOU AFTERWARDS

WHO TRIED TO SNEAK THROUGH IT.

THE OBJECTIVE OF ROBERT K.

HAS FAILED.

THE SHUTTER HAS BEEN RELEASED.

I WANTED TO TAKE YOU THERE, BUT..

I RECALL THAT HE IS RIGHT NOW A MEMBER OF A GANG NAMED KURAMA-GUMI.

IF MY ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, THIS IS THE CURRENT NAME OF THE BROTHER YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING SO LONG FOR.

SUTEGUMA SATORU.

LOOKS LIKE

THE RESUSCITATION WAS A BIT EARLY.

IT SEEMS THERE IS NOW

NO NEED FOR THAT ANYMORE, RIGHT?

RE...

FEREE...

DOU... JI...

TO THINK YOU'D WAKE UP BY YOURSELF.... ONCE THE 卍(BAN) MATCH IS OVER, YOU CAN GO AND SEE HIM BY YOURSELF.

CITIZEN ROOM

CITIZEN ROOM

I KNOW

THAT YOU, WHO DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO FINISH ME OFF IN THE WAREHOUSE,

ARE THE NAIVE ONE.

SO...

YOU... ARE...

OK.

NAIVE...

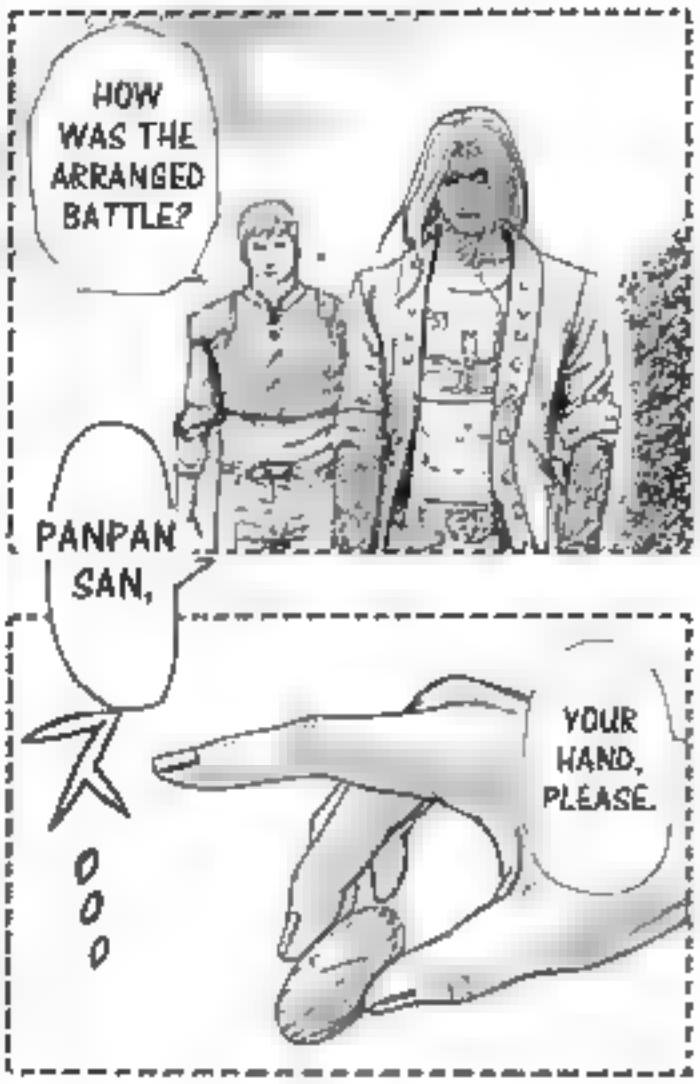
LALO-
SAN!

BURP

ゴクン

I WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE IF I BECOME A SLAVE... PLEASE!!
I KNOW I ACCEPTED THE BET BY MYSELF, BUT...
LALO-SAN!
I AM GOING TO LEAVE THE ISLAND TOMORROW!

RETURNING PLA
ORERT K
FORCE
PANPAN
WHISOH
NAKAGAW
MAYONNA


HOW WAS THE ARRANGED BATTLE?
PANPAN SAN,
YOUR HAND, PLEASE.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

WHILE BEING ATTRACTED BY A BIGGER RAT.

THEY MISSED IT.

THIS LITTLE,

LITTLE, HOPE.

THE DEPARTURE OF

CHAPTER 359
THE TASTE ENGRAVEN

THE KAKEROU MATCH.

THE 4TH MORNING OF

GOOD MOR-NING.

LET'S ENJOY TODAY AS WELL.

GOOD MORNING, CITIZENS OF TIPA.

APART FROM A FEW

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RIGHTS.

EVERY-ONE...

IT'S MOR-NING.

IS THE REASON REALLY THAT SIMPLE?

"THEY LIKE THIS WORLD"...

WHY DID THE PLAYERS, WHO WENT THROUGH SUCH EFFORTS TO COME TO THIS FAKE WORLD, END UP WORKING AND LIVING JUST AS THEY WOULD IN THE REAL WORLD?

IT IS SAID THE RAT IN THE ROOM WITH THE "RANDOM" LEVER WOULD EAT MUCH MORE FOOD THAN THE OTHER ONE.

A LEVER WHERE "FOOD" ALWAYS COME OUT ONCE TOUCHED.

AND A LEVER WHERE FOOD ONLY COMES OUT RANDOMLY OUT OF MANY TIMES.

HERE IS THE STORY OF AN EXPERIMENT TO TAKE WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.

COMPARED TO FOOD THAT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED...

MADE THE FOOD SO DELICIOUS

IT'S BECAUSE THE "FOOD" AND

THE "SATISFACTION" GAINED THROUGH TOUCHING THE LEVER COUNTLESS TIMES.

TIME FOR LUNCH.
MINORU,
PHEW~
OK, MENMA.

I WONDER IF CHAMP-SAN AND THE OTHERS ARE DOING WELL RIGHT NOW.
!...

MENMA,
THANK YOU~

WILL ....
THE THINGS ONE GAINS ON HIS OWN AFTER ENDURING HARDSHIPS.
MINORU,

MINORU,
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
YEAH, PROBABLY ...

SLAVES WHO WERE SOLD WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK AGAIN...

...BECOME A BRIDGE.

WE'RE BACK.

CHAMP-SAN!!

THAT CHANGES ONESELF.

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YES, "CITI-ZEN"!
AWE-SOME!
CITI-ZEN!!

DON'T WORRY, MINORU
I WON'T GO HOME UNTIL I CAN MAKE YOU A CITIZEN TOO!!

DON'T CRY, TRA-VOLTA!!
WHA!! I'M NOT CRYING ...

FINALLY,
WE CAN GO BACK HOME.

CHAMP-SAN,

LIKE HELL I COULD GO HOME AND LEAVE HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT US, YOU CAN LEAVE THE ISLAND FIRST...

LET ME HANDLE MINORU'S CASE.

AH~

MORE-OVER...

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO FEEL INDEBTED ANYMORE.

THE WOUNDS YOU SUSTAINED FIGHTING HAVE ALREADY GIVEN ME A FAIR COMPENSATION.

I ALREADY BET ON YOUR GUYS' FIGHT.

NO, I HAVE TO GO HOME!!

I WANNA GO HOME...

BYE BYE.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
職業安定所
ENTRANCE
KEPT ON ESCAPING IN THE REAL WORLD...
I...
LETTER OF RESIGNATION
HE BECAME AN ADULT WITHOUT HAVING EVER BEEN REPRI-MANDED,
ALWAYS BEING SPOILED AND PRAISED, EVEN FOR SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS EATING
OOYAMA NOBUO, NICKNAME "BIG BOY".
!
THE GAME, PROTO-POROS.
AND ENDED UP INDULGING IN
IT'S NOT HERE...
THE PLACE I HAVE TO KEEP ON FIGHTING IN FROM NOW ON...
AND COMPLICATING ALL THE TROUBLES HE RAN INTO,
AFTER ALWAYS PROCRASTI-NATING,
HE ENDED UP ON THIS ISLAND.
CHAMP-SAN, PLEASE LISTEN.

LET ME TRY THAT.

HEY,

TRY IT NEXT TIME!

I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO THIS.

YOU WON'T TIRE AS MUCH IF YOU HOLD IT LIKE THIS, SEE?

AH!!

CHAMP-SAN, YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO IS ABLE TO FACE THE REAL WORLD.

YOU HAVE DONE ENOUGH FOR US.

IT IS NOW TIME TO THINK FOR YOURSELF.

SORRY...

THANK YOU...

EVERY-ONE...

LEFT THE ISLAND.

THE ONES WHO STOPPED BEING SLAVES

STRONG!!

I'M ONE OF THE STRONG!!

I'LL KILL YOU...

THE ONES WHO STAYED ON THE ISLAND.

UNDER PERPES' GUIDANCE.

AN EXTREMELY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

THEY LEVELED UP IN

THE BEAST ENGULFED IN DARKNESS LV80

VS

TEAM TIPA CITIZENS

TO THINK THEY'D WIN WITH SUCH A METHOD.

YEAH!

TODAY'S FIGHT WAS IMPRESSIVE, RIGHT?

THE GODS AND TIPA'S KING,

MADARAME BK,

I PRAY TO

STARTING FROM MADARAME BK,

SEVERAL OF HIS TEAMMATES

ROSE TO "NORMAL CLASS".

FROM NOW ON, I MAKE YOU

A "WARRIOR".

OF THE MATCH.

THE 6TH DAY

19 DAYS TO GO.

QUESTS

QUESTS

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KAJI-CHAN,

HI,

MAY WE LOOK AT THE AVAILABLE QUESTS?

FROM HERE, INCLUDING THE GOAL OF BECOMING THE "KING" OF TIPA, WE WILL HAVE TO DO MANY THINGS.

WE'VE INCREASED OUR LEVEL AND BIOS TO AN ACCEPTABLE POINT.

LALO AND HIS ALLIES WILL ALSO BE CRITICAL.

DEFEATING

FROM NOW ON,

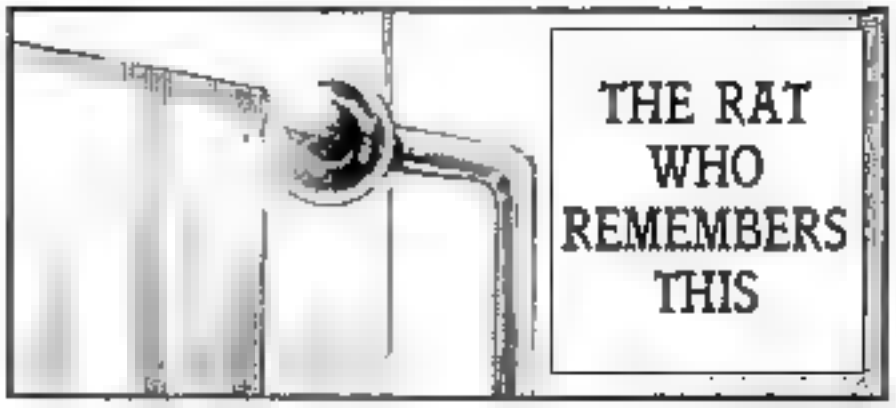
IT'S THE REAL DEAL.

NOT ONLY WILL IT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR YOU IN BECOMING A HIGH CLASS, BUT IT WILL ALSO BECOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO FACE LALO'S CREW.

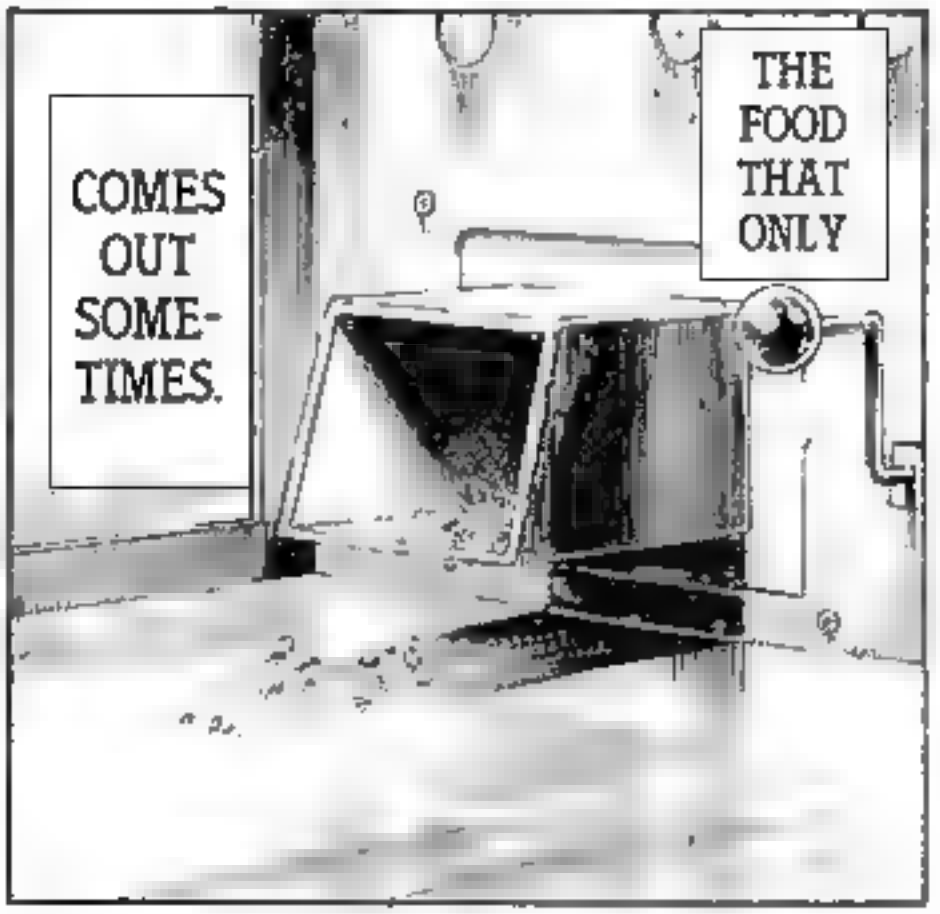
IF WE MOVE ON TO ATTACKING AZURA,

IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO FOCUS ON LEVELING UP TO THE POINT WHERE YOU CAN BECOME A "HIGH CLASS", MADARAME BK.

AS MUCH AS I CAN.
I WILL HELP YOU


THE RAT WHO REMEMBERS THIS

CAN'T HELP BUT PUSH THE LEVER AGAIN AND AGAIN.


COMES OUT SOME-TIMES.
THE FOOD THAT ONLY

SUCH

FORGET

IT IS UNABLE TO

EVEN THOUGH THE CONTAINER HAS ALREADY RUN OUT OF FOOD.

ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFERENCES IN THE DEGREES,

PEOPLE ARE ALL,

A DELICIOUS TASTE.

KUKU...

GAMBLERS.

DURING THE BAPTISM OF ME BECOMING A WARRIOR,

THERE WAS A "PRIEST" NAMED "KAMEO", RIGHT?

KAMEO

HIGH CLASS, PRIEST

THEN,

I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU.

QUEST ...?

I WANT YOU TO DO THE QUEST HE HAS REQUESTED.

THAT QUEST... DEPENDING ON HOW YOU DO IT...

YEAH...

WAR?

WILL TURN INTO A WAR.

A WAR OF

TAKING DOWN AZURA'S FORTRESS.

"KAMEO"... THIS IS IT!!

A REQUEST FROM KAMEO, PRIEST OF TIPA

ASSASSINATION OF ORDEKA FROM AZURA

QUEST

A QUEST TO DEFEAT A PLAYER FROM AZURA?

?

WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH TAKING DOWN THE FORTRESS?

.....

"ORDEKA"

FROM AZURA...?

CHAPTER 360

LEVELING UP LOVE

WELL...

TO PUT IT SIMPLY... I JUST CAN'T STAND HIS GUTS, THAT'S ALL.

WHO'S THAT ORDEKA REALLY?

WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU, PRIEST?

DID YOU REALLY START AS SLAVES?

OF HOW FAST YOU ARE AMASSING EXPERIENCE AND BIOS, YOU SEE.

I HEARD THE RUMORS

YOU GUYS ARE QUITE THE FEAT, RIGHT?

PRIEST KAMEO-SAMA.

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST.

PLEASE, BK!!

WELL, I AM REQUESTING SUCH A THING WHILE EXPECTING ANOTHER FEAT FROM YOU~

BUT, YOU, WITH YOUR ENTHUSIASM, YOU MIGHT BE THE ONE I NEED?

RIGHT?

RIGHT?

NO ONE'S FIGHTING AT ALL, IT'S JUST TOO PEACEFUL.

HOW DO I PUT IT, IT'S LIKE EVERYONE HERE IS SO CALM

I PROMISE TO BRING GREAT NEWS TO YOU.

A GIRL?

YEAH.

ORDEKA SHOULD BE DRINKING WITH A GIRL NAMED "SAYOKO" AT THIS TIME, IN THE BAR OF THE NEUTRAL AREA.

BAR

ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY JUST BECAUSE HE BECAME A "KNIGHT"...

THAT MOTHER-FUCKER.

BUT ORDEKA HAS BEEN FLIRTING WITH MY CUTE SAYOKO RECENTLY.

MY FAVORITE GIRL FROM HOTEL DEBOROS, SAYOKO, WHO GAVE HER WHOLE BODY TO ME...

AWE SOME RIGHT?

RIGHT?

WELCOME.

SHIT!!

MASTER, ONE BEER PLEASE.

WHAT THE FUCK, THAT'S NOT FAIR!! WHY WAS THERE A "HIGH CLASS" AMONG THEM!?

WHY, YOU ASK? WELL, THAT'S JUST WHO I AM .

I'M JUST BEING NICE TO YOU BECAUSE I WANT TO.

WHY ARE YOU SO NICE TO ME?

AH♡

THOSE "HIGH CLASSES" ARE JUST TOO STRONG! IT MUST BE SO FUN BEING ABLE TO FIGHT SO EASILY!

IMBECILE! I'D NEVER BE DRINKING IN SUCH A PLACE IF I WASN'T WELL OFF!!

...

HOW MUCH BIOS DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR VAULT? I WON'T LEND ANY TO YOU.

AND SINCE YOU'RE A "WARRIOR", IT COSTS A LOT TO RESURRECT, RIGHT?

BUT, YOU NEVER TEAM UP WITH OTHERS TO GAIN EXP, DO YOU?

SHIT!

SHIT!

THAT'S HIM, ORDEKA.

…

YEAH.

I

WANNA LEVEL UP.

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER, A LEVEL UP OF LOVE.

HE IS AZURA'S ORDEKA FOR SURE.

HE'S THE ONE.

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH A GIRL.

I

BUT, THIS IS THE NEUTRAL AREA.

BAR

PERSONAL FIGHTS ARE FORBIDDEN... LET'S TARGET HIM WHEN HE LEAVES.

NOTHING PERSONAL, IT'S JUST BUSINESS.

YOU'RE ORDEKA, RIGHT?

WHO ARE YOU GUYS!?

WE NEED YOU TO DIE FOR US.

AND THE CAPTAIN OF AZURA'S FORTRESS.

HE'S A "HIGH CLASS", A "KNIGHT".

YOU FUCKERS FROM "TIPA".

TIPA

HOWEVER, MADARAME BK, YOU NEED TO STAY ALERT.

THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER CHANCE.

THIS TIME, I JUST HAPPENED TO FIND OUT THAT HE WOULD BE AT THE BAR.

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE.

IF YOU MISS YOUR CHANCE,

IT'S OVER.

AND, ONCE THAT HAPPENS,

HE'LL RETREAT INTO THE FORTRESS.

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE MUCH BIOS TO TAKE.

TSK,

FAILURE ISN'T

ALLOWED.

YOU CAN BE THANKFUL THAT I'M NOT LETTING YOU ALL BE NAKED.

WHY DIDN'T YOU LET MARCO DO IT!?

KAJI!

HOW DID IT GO...?

CHAMP-SAN.

YEAH.

THAT "KAMEO" WENT AND REQUESTED TO GET ME KILLED HUH.

I SHOULD RETREAT INTO THE FORTRESS FOR NOW.

MAYBE STRONGER ONES WILL COME NEXT TIME.

THEN, THE QUEST OF "ASSASSINATING AZURA'S ORDEKA" WILL

YES.

MESSING UP THE FIRST TIME INTENTIONALLY AND

HAVING HIM RETREAT INTO THE FORTRESS ...?

THE FORTRESS ...

TAKING DOWN

AUTO MATICALLY

BECOME STRONGLY LINKED WITH

IT ONLY COST 300 BIOS TO RESURRECT EACH ONE OF YOU, QUITE A LOW RISK.

ALTHOUGH YOUR AND RYUUSEI'S LEVEL HAVE REACHED LV.20, YOU ARE STILL "CITIZENS".

YOU TWO WERE PERFECT FOR THIS MISSION.

LV.20 CITIZEN

RESURRECTION FEE

300 BIOS

DON'T WORRY, KAJI.

VAULT

AND ALL OUR BIOS ARE STOCKED UP AT THE VAULT TOO, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER.

OUR IMITATIONS HAVE BEEN STOLEN. BUT OUR EQUIPMENT DATA IS STILL IN OUR VESTS.

I THINK MADARAME DIDN'T MAKE YOU ADVANCE TO THE "NORMAL CLASS" INTENTIONALLY THINKING OF THIS.

THE COST OF THE RESURRECTION FEE INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY FROM "NORMAL CLASS" ON

SLAVE	FREE
CITIZEN	100 BIOS + 10 BIOS PER LEVEL
NORMAL CLASS	1000 BIOS + 100 BIOS PER LEVEL
HIGH CLASS	10,000 BIOS + 1,000 BIOS PER LEVEL

THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN WOULD BE TO GET KILLED WHILE HAVING ALL YOUR BIOS AS CASH ON YOU, LIKE I DID.

THEN THE ONLY CHOICE BECOMES TO SELL YOUR CITIZENSHIP.

TRUTH IS, EVERY ATTACK MAKES ITS OWN SOUND AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT VARIATIONS.

YES.

SOUND?

ONE MORE PIECE OF INFORMATION WE GOT WAS THE "SOUND".

SMACK

THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DEALT OR TAKEN.

DAMAGE 10~50

POKK

YOU ARE ABLE TO EVALUATE

DAMAGE 1~10

SWISH

DEPENDING OF THE SOUND.

DAMAGE 0

NEXT IS

THE FORTRESS, RIGHT?

SO,

SINCE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MUCH LIKE THIS, LET'S RESURRECT YOU AND HAVE YOU GUYS RISE TO "NORMAL CLASS"

ORDEKA, THE CAPTAIN OF AZURA'S FORTRESS... NOW WE KNOW HOW STRONG HE IS.

SHIT~ I'LL GET MY REVENGE!

IS

THE FORTRESS

LOWERING THE FLAG WILL RESULT IN THE FORTRESS BEING "TAKEN DOWN"

TAKING DOWN THE CAPTAIN AND

IT'S THE FIRST WALL IN STOPPING AN ENEMY KINGDOM'S ATTACK.

A UNIQUE BUILDING IN EACH KINGDOM.

AND IT ALSO INCLUDES SPECIAL FACILITIES TO HEAL THE KINGDOM'S PLAYERS.

IT WILL INSTANTLY WORSEN THE STATE OF THE WAR.

ALL THE MILITARY FORCE WOULD BE SENT IN AND

CASTLE

FORTRESS

THE FORTRESS BEING TAKEN MEANS

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE TRYING TO ATTACK A FORTRESS!

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE BASICALLY AT PEACE!!

BEFORE EVEN TALKING ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN OR CAN'T DO IT, WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES IF WE SHOULD DO IT!

I THINK

AND THEN MAKE SURE WE LEVERAGE KAMEO'S DEBT AND HAVE HIM SUPPORT US IN BECOMING A "KING" AFTERWARDS

HERE, IT WOULD BE SMARTER TO DEFEAT "ORDEKA" OUTSIDE.

IF WE DO SPARK A SMALL BLAZE IN AZURA,

WELL... I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING

MOREOVER, THIS KIND OF MISSION IS USUALLY DONE UNDER THE ORDER OF THE "KING".

CHAMP-SAN.

WE WILL BE NOTICED BY TIPA'S "KING" AND "HIGH CLASSES" FOR SURE!

EVEN IF EVERY PLAYER HAS THE RIGHT TO ATTACK OTHER KINGDOMS IF THEY WANT TO,

THAT'S JUST HOW THE RULES ARE. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY HAVE ACTUAL PERMISSION

!!

EVERYONE COME TO THIS ISLAND?

WHY DID

DEEP INSIDE THEIR HEART?

THEY STILL HAVE A SPIRIT THAT WANTS TO BE BURNED UP

ISN'T IT BECAUSE

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE WHOLE KINGDOM IS ON FIRE WHEN I BECOME THE "KING".

IN ORDER TO UNITE THE THREE KINGDOMS,

SO, CHAMP-SAN,

SET THIS KING-DOM ON FIRE.

LET US

WE'RE DOING NOTHING MORE THAN THE QUEST REQUESTED BY "KAMEO".

TAKING DOWN THE FORTRESS WILL JUST BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE FROM THAT MISSION, NOTHING MORE.

HUH?

CHAMP-SAN, IT'S ALRIGHT.

THE ONE WHO WILL GET THE DOWNSIDES WILL BE KAMEO, WHILE WE'LL RECEIVE ALL THE BENEFITS. THAT'S HOW IT IS.

OUR ABILITIES WILL ONLY BE PRAISED IF WE FINISH THE QUEST,

THE ONE WHO WILL BE IN TROUBLE WILL BE KAMEO, WHO POSTED THE QUEST.

EVEN IF THAT'D BECOME AN ISSUE,

HAVE TO DO MY BEST TOO...

AH,

BY THE WAY...

YOU GUYS ARE REALLY AWESOME.

I...

WELL,

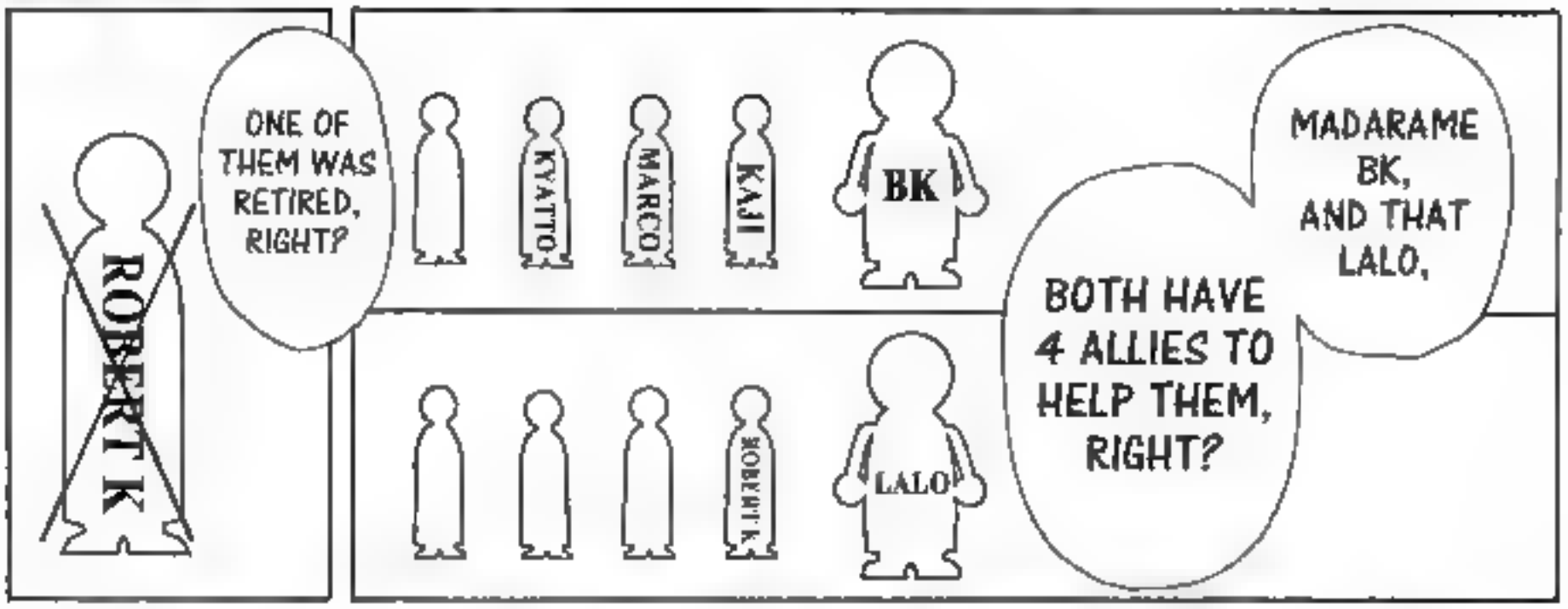
THAT'S TRUE...

ORIGINALLY, THE QUEST ITSELF IS NOTHING MORE THAN HIS "JEALOUSY".

I THOUGHT OF THAT TOO.

AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT,

PROTOPOROS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ONE OF THEM WAS RETIRED, RIGHT?
KYATTO
MARCO
KAJI
BK
LALO
ROBERT K
BOTH HAVE 4 ALLIES TO HELP THEM, RIGHT?
MADARAME BK, AND THAT LALO,

WHERE IS HE RIGHT NOW?
BUT WHO IS THE LAST ONE?
I CURRENTLY KNOW 3 OF MADARAME'S ALLIES,

TRUTH IS, I DO NOT KNOW EITHER...
AH...

I ONLY KNOW HIS NAME IS "HAL"
AND THAT HE'S IN "SHOUDO" RIGHT NOW...

AZURA'S CHIEF

OGINOME

NEED THESE ANYMORE, RIGHT?

WE DON'T

LEADING THE PLAYERS SHOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE DEVELOPERS' ROLE!

NO!

UNIFICATION SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE PLAYERS' HANDS.

YEAH,

TIPA'S CHIEF

KURASHIKI

HUMPH

HEY,

OH, MANY INTEREST-ING INPUTS HERE.

I'LL MAKE A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE REGULAR REPORT MEETING IS NOW OVER.

MANAGER

DAIBA

NOT AT ALL!

SHOUDO'S CHIEF

FUJITSUBO

WHA!?

AREN'T YOU JUST ACTING HASTILY BECAUSE NOTHING AT ALL IS HAPPENING IN SHOUDO?

AND MORE WOMEN FOR PROSTI-TUTION ARE NEEDED.

STRONGER "COORDI-NATORS"

NEUTRAL AREA CHIEF

ENDOU

I'LL PICK IT UP MYSELF.

IT'S AL-RIGHT!!

AH!

THAT WAS..

ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT OVER COMPETE AMONG YOU THREE.

ALSO, LET'S INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF THIS REPORT MEETING HIGHER THAN THE USUAL 5 DAYS.

DO NOT FORGET THAT I'LL BE THE ONE TO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE THOSE BLACK SUIT GUYS.

I SAID IT BEFORE ALREADY BUT

I WANT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM NOW ON.

SO PLEASE ACT ACCORDINGLY TO OUR IDENTITY AND DUTY.

BUT WE ARE DEVELOPERS,

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE TO EARN A REWARD SINCE THERE ARE GOOD PLAYERS ARRIVING,

BOTH OF THEM ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF NEW HAPPEN-INGS!!

TIPA, AND AZURA,

THAT'S IT.

SHIT!

SHIT!

HE'S ALWAYS SMILING BUT, IT JUST FEELS SO FAKE...

SLAVE PLAYE

HAL

BUT WHY HAS NOTHING HAPPENED AT ALL IN SHOUDO!?

VAULT

VAULT

AND YOUR COSTUME IS SO WEIRD!!

YOU'RE A BIT DIFFERENT FROM USUAL.

!?

HUH? YOU'RE COLD...

BRO FIST!

WHEN DID YOU GET HERE? I'M SO HAPPY!

IT'S "DAMIAN"! LONG TIME NO SEE!!

BRO FIST!!

OH-?

YOU'RE "DAMIAN", RIGHT!?

"DAMIAN"?

INHUMANE!!

HUH?

WHERE DID "DAMIAN" GO?

I KNOW!! IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT OLD MAN WHO FORCES PEOPLE TO DRINK HIS DISGUSTING COFFEE!!

YOU RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

WHAT HAPPENED? "DAMIAN" THE GLOOMY MAGICIAN!

CHAPTER 361
THE FALLEN FORTRESS

IT'S NOTHING.

IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE MY FUTURES TRANSACTIONS ARE GOING WELL.

IT'S REALLY GENEROUS OF YOU TO TRANSFER 50,000 BIOS TO EACH ONE OF US.

WERE YOU ADDICTED TO THIS GAME BEFORE, REFEREE MIDARA?

MONEY TRANSFER CONFIRMED

BY THE...

PRESS

...

LIKE REFEREE IKON SAID, YOU'RE A GAMER, RIGHT?

NOTIFY ME IF YOU NEED MORE.

THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS ALLY, "HAL".

HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK. SO HE REALLY IS HIDING IT...

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HAL-KUN,

TSK... HE NOTICED.

REFEREE MIDARA?

WHY? I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU 20,000 BIOS!

HUH!?

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU BECOME A CITIZEN YET?

NOT YET.

WE HAVE BETTER ROOMS THAN THIS ONE HERE.

DO YOU LIKE THIS PLACE?

BURP

BECAUSE HAL-KUN IS MY REAL "BODY GUARD"!

BUT IT'S FINE!

BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE THOSE "EGGS" FOR?

NO.29

REFEREE
MANABE TAKUMI

THERE ARE NO IMITATIONS LIKE THOSE!

2 DAYS AGO

HUH?

WHAT?

AND THE VEST ISN'T RINGING THE ALARM!

JUST LEAVE THE GOODS AND RUN!

THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM LOSING "BIOS" OR THE "VEST"!!

I HEARD THAT THOSE ARE "REAL" WEAPONS WHICH THEY TOOK FROM THE DEVELOPERS AFTER FIGHTING THEM!!!!

THEY ARE "OUT-LAWS"!?

DON'T TELL ME...

DON T. .

WE DON'T HAVE A "COORDI-NATOR" AMONG US!?

CALL THE "DEVELO-PERS"!!

THIS IS BAD!

SERIOUSLY!?

I DON'T WANT TO FACE "REAL" BANDITS!

ME TOO!

I'M GOING TO RUN, SORRY!

I...

I'M DOOMED...

WAIT...

AH!

"OUT-LAWS",

THEY ARE NOT CRIMINALS IN THE GAME, BUT "REAL CRIMINALS".

MOST OF THEM ARE PLAYERS WHO TOOK OFF THEIR "VEST".

I'D RATHER BE DEFEATED BY PLAYERS IN THE GAME...

AND FINALLY REACHED HIGH CLASS...

I WORKED SO HARD...

WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE "OUTLAWS"... I'M DONE!! I'LL BE KILLED...

ARE YOU OKAY?

YES.

...

EXCUSE ME,

?

KYA AAAA AAA

A A A A A A A A A

A PLAYER FROM SHOUDO, RIGHT?

YOU ARE...

I WANT TO... BE A "SLAVE" OF YOUR KINGDOM.

MY...?

THAT I'D MEET THAT YOUNG MAN AGAIN IN SUCH A PLACE...

AT THIS HOUR. IT SHOULD BE LESS THAN 10.

IN A FORTRESS.

THERE ARE USUALLY AROUND 10 PLAYERS

SINCE THE HIGHER YOUR LEVEL IS, THE HIGHER THE PENALTY WILL BE WHEN YOU DIE.

"ORDEKA" FOCUSES ON LEVELING UP HIS DEFENSE STATS.

I'VE GENERALLY LEARNED HOW STRONG HE IS.

WILL NEVER EXPECT THAT WE WILL ATTACK THE FORTRESS.

AND THAT GUY WHO'S HIDING IN THERE

TWO-HANDED SWORD
JADE BLADE

THAT'S HOW BIG THE GAP BETWEEN A "NORMAL CLASS" AND A "HIGH CLASS" IS.

A TWO-HANDED SWORD WITH WHICH YOU CAN'T EQUIP A SHIELD AT THE SAME TIME... ONLY THIS CAN POSSIBLY DAMAGE HIM.

WE SHOULD LEAVE THE ATTACKING TO "MARCO" WHO HAS THE STRONGEST WEAPON.

IT'S OKAY TO DO IT WHEN THERE ARE 1 OR 2 ENEMIES BUT THERE WILL BE A LOT MORE THERE, SO SUCH A CHEATING METHOD MIGHT BE UNCOVERED.

IT'S TOO SUSPICIOUS, WE'LL BE NOTICED BY THE DEVELOPERS

THAT'S NO GOOD.

AND THEN ATTACK THE FORTRESS?

CAN'T WE JUST LET MARCO STRIP OFF THE ENEMIES' "VEST" AND OVERPOWER THEM.

LET'S GO WITH THIS FORMATION.

"RYUUSEI" WILL BE IN CHARGE OF HEALING AND BUFFING.

"MARCO" WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ATTACKING.

THE TWO OF US, WHO FOCUSED ON LEVELING UP OUR DEFENSE STATS, WILL BE IN CHARGE OF CONTAINING THE ENEMY.

HEALING

DEF BUFF

RESURRECT

ENEMY

IT DOESN'T COST BIOS EITHER.

YOU'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS "RYUUSEI" RESURRECTS YOU WITHIN THE FIXED TIME.

WHEN YOU'RE IN A PARTY, EVEN IF YOU'RE DEAD AND THE VEST IS "SHUT DOWN", YOU WON'T BE SHOCKED IMMEDIATELY.

YEAH...

IF IT WORKS,

THE STRATEGY IS PRETTY SIMPLE, BUT IT'S WORTH A TRY.

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY...

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT HIGH CLASS "ORDEKA".

AH...
UU...
IT WORKED!
IT...

WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE FORTRESS...
THIS WILL WORK...
WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU?
HEY...
4...
48...
MARCO WAS TOO FAST FOR THE ENEMY TO EVEN HIT HIM...
IT TOOK TIME, BUT IT WORKED BETTER THAN WE THOUGHT.
SMACK
SMACK

"ORDEKA" SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THAT "FLAG".

WE HAVE TO AVOID FIGHTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

ESPECIALLY WHEN WE MEET MULTIPLE ENEMIES.

PRACTICED THIS AMBUSH THOROUGHLY.

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DON'T WORRY.

WE'VE...

WE'RE IN.

GOOD...

DO YOU HAVE ANY WEED?

EXCUSE ME.

HEH HEH.

AH, WAIT!

WHAT?

GO!!

LET'S DO THIS!

TIPA

NOW I CAN GO BACK IN...

THANKS.

TIPA

I'M RUNNING OUT OF IT.

THIS IS THE LAST ONE.

SMACK

HUH? TIPA?

TIPA

IT WON'T WORK!!

IT WON'T WORK! CAUSE I'M VERY STRONG!!

WAIT!!

SMACK

WAI-

SMACK

WAIT!

SMACK

ATTACK!!

THEY DROPPED THEIR GUARD!

WE CAN DO IT.

THE AMBUSH WILL WORK!!

WE DID IT... WE DEFEATED HIM...

ISN'T THIS A WAR!?

NO, IT'S NOT!

カタカタ

THERE'S A "PK" ALERT IN THE FORTRESS.

A "PK" BETWEEN THE SAME KINGDOM'S PLAYERS?

THEY STARTED MOVING!!

YES!!

DIVISION TIPA CHIEF, KURASHIKI

DIVISION AZURA CHIEF. OGINOME

WHAT!?

!

WHA...

WHAT... IS THIS...

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…

"STRATEGY"?
"AMBUSH"?
"THEY DROPPED THEIR GUARD"?
COCAINE...?
MARIJUANA AND...
DAMN... THIS...
ARE THEY EVEN GUARDING THE FORTRESS?
WE DIDN'T EVEN NEED ANY OF THAT...
THEY DIDN'T EVEN BRING THEIR WEAPONS ..
THIS IS NOT PROTOPOROS...

AND RAISE THE MORALE OF THE WHOLE KINGDOM.

WE'RE HERE TO TAKE OVER THE FORTRESS,

CHAMP-SAN,

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE MISSION!

AH... YES.

HEAT UP THE ENEMY KINGDOM TOO.

HUH?

IN ORDER TO CREATE THE AIR OF INVADING THE ENEMY KINGDOM,

WE HAVE TO

OH?

SMACK

TIPA

SMACK

SMACK

SMACK

AND DIDN'T DEPOSIT YOUR BIOS, RIGHT?

YOU THOUGHT THE FORTRESS WAS SAFE

HUH?

TIPA

SMACK

YOU DRANK TOO MUCH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, "PETTAS"?

IF YOU DIE NOW,

IT'LL BE REALLY PAINFUL, WON'T IT?

LET'S

SET IT ON FIRE FOR YOU!!

IT'S TOO COLD HERE.

SMACK SMACK

AH!!

GYA!!

THIS FORTRESS ...IS GOING DOWN.

SHOUDO

SHOUDO

SHOUDO

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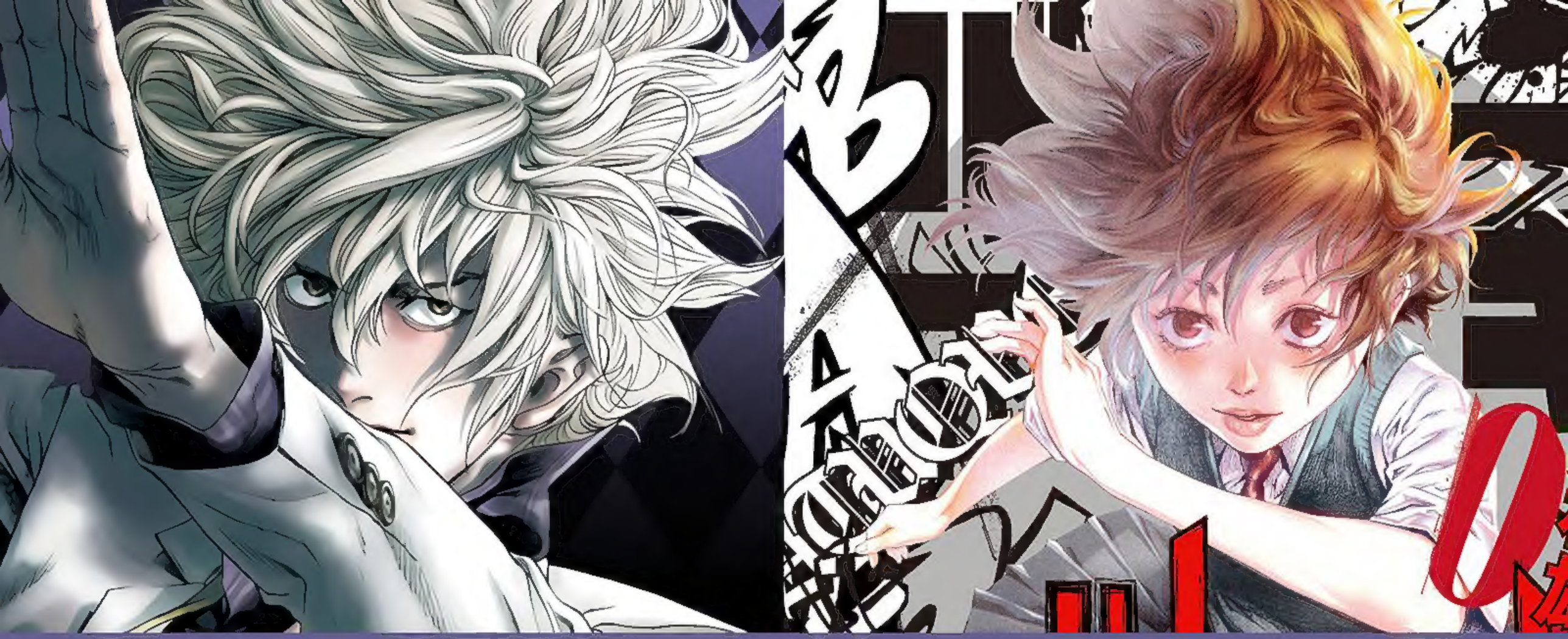

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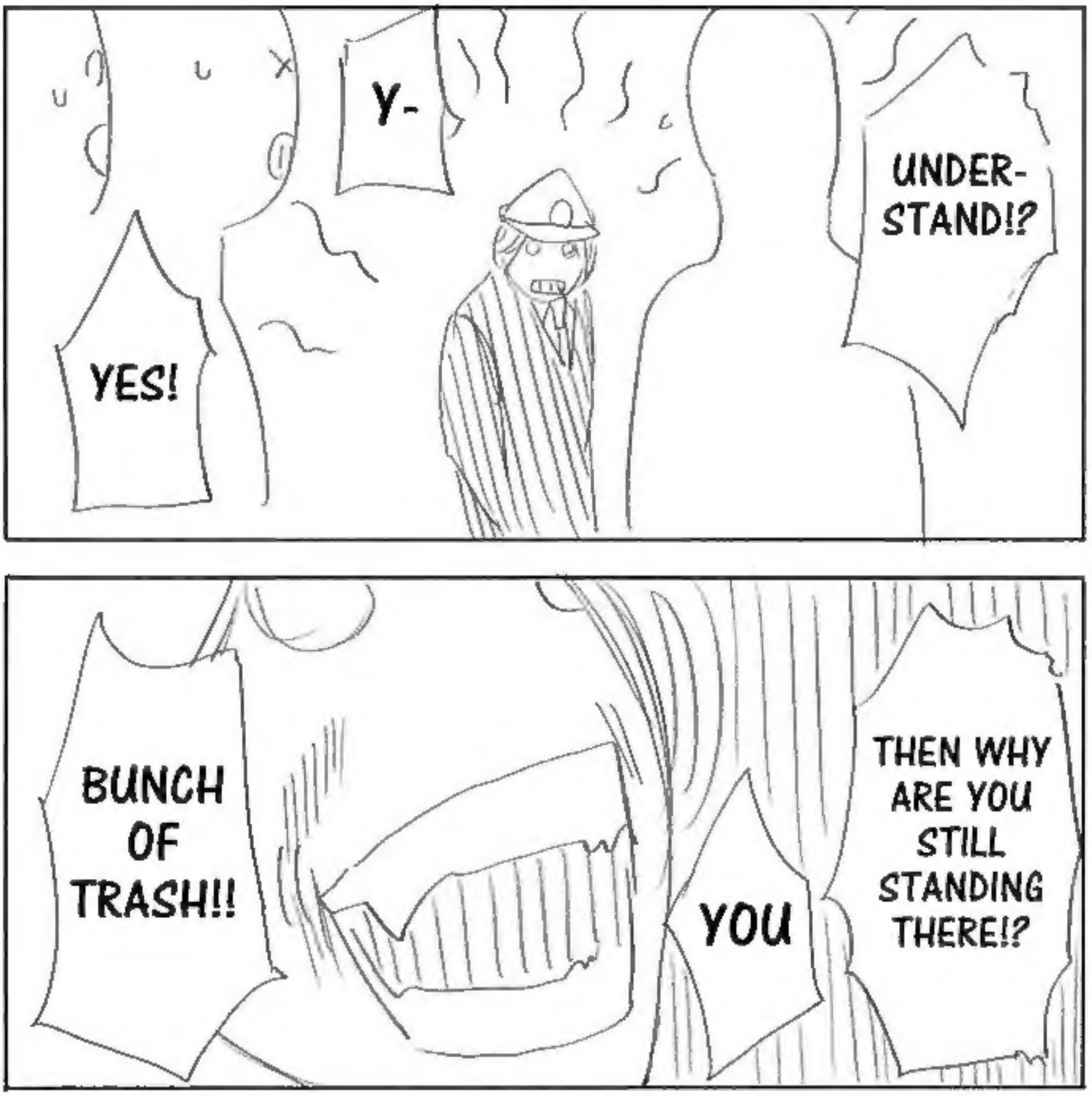
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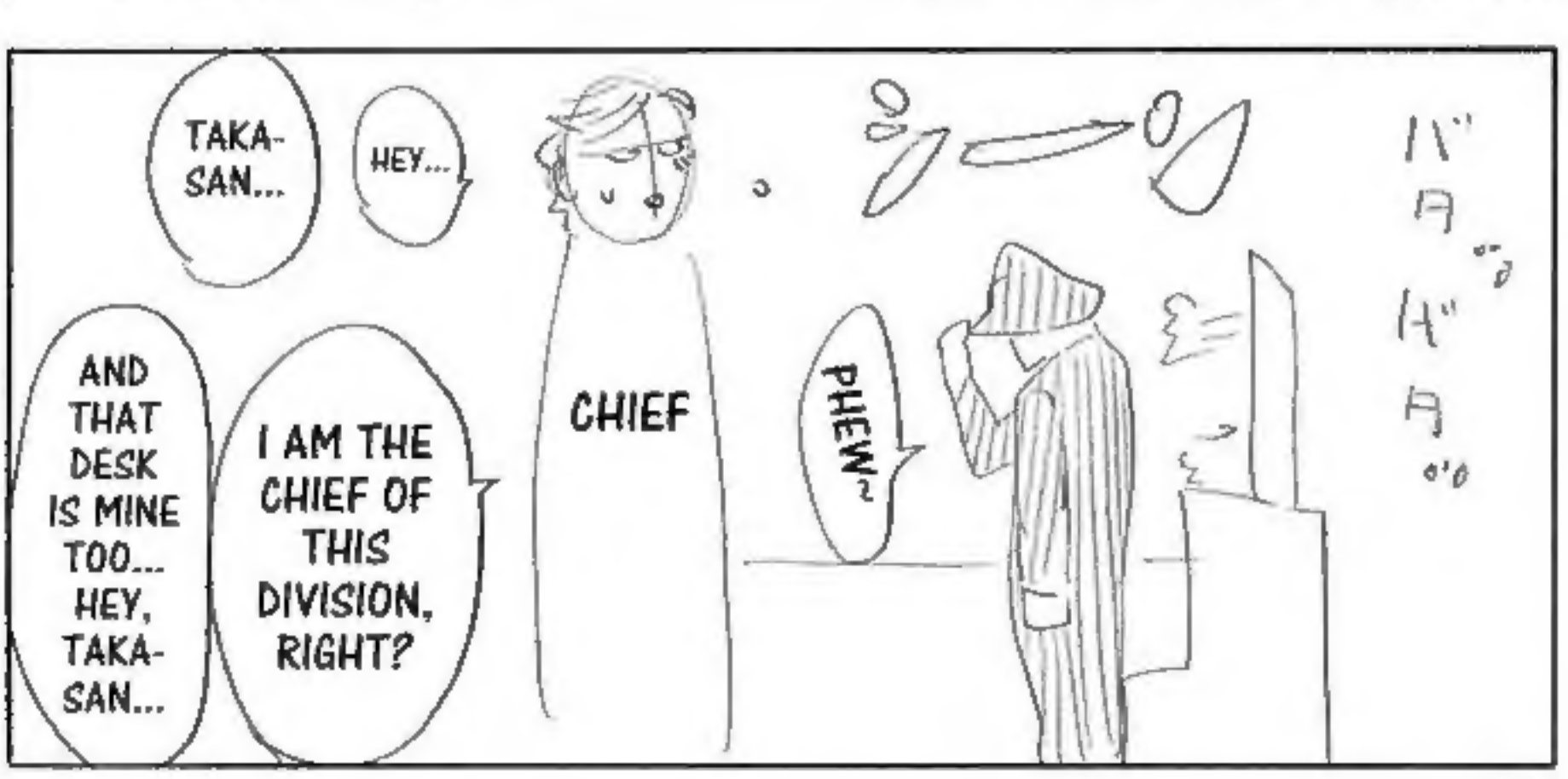
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HEY,
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SAN...
I AM THE
CHIEF OF
THIS
DIVISION,
RIGHT?

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HOLD ON!!

I'M SORRY!!

I...

DO YOU WANT TO DIE, YOU TRASH!?

!?

WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE!?

YOU CAN HAVE IT... AS YOUR LUNCH.

HERE'S AN EGG.

!!

HAD A GREAT SMILE ON HIS FACE.

HE

TAKA-SAN...

THANK YOU...